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State/Tribal Relations Pursued by Legislators

By Helen Chalakee

A 'Special Committee on State/Tribal Relations' has recently been organized to establish a formal political alliance between Oklahoma Indian Tribes and the State of Oklahoma. The committee is comprised of state legislators and tribal policy makers. Kelly Haney, a Seminole/Creek State Representative has been named to chair the group.

Haney is familiar with the problems tribal governments encounter when working with the state and federal political systems. He has served on the Seminole Tribal Council advocating Indian rights and is now in his third term as an elected State Representative for District 28. Haney has acquired a 'learned diplomatic skill' that will undoubtedly be put to the test many times while presenting his Indian peers proposed legislation to his lawmaker colleagues.

At a committee meeting held recently at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee, Haney explained what the Oklahoma Tribes were up against compared to other state/tribal political network procedures. He said, "Other states have enacted executive orders similar to the one we are proposing. The difference is, Oklahoma has 39 federally recognized Indian tribes with a wide range of issues, where the other states have only two or three different tribes to work with."

A proposed resolution written by Browning Pipestem, a Pawnee Indian attorney, was presented to the committee at the Okmulgee meeting. The resolution calls for future relations between the State of Oklahoma and the Indian tribes to be on a government-to-government basis in a combined spirit of cooperation, understanding and trust from the

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Chief Cox to Address State of Muscogee Nation January 26, Tribal Mound

Principal Chief Claude Cox will address Creek citizens on the "State of the Muscogee Nation" January 26 at 10:00 a.m. preceeding the quarterly meeting of the Muscogee National Council. Everyone is invited to attend. Lunch will be served by the Okmulgee Indian Community at the Tribal Mound.

CHIEF COX ACCEPTS A $100,000 BINGO CHECK from John Artichoker, Jr., President of Indian Country U.S.A. (right). The check was an advance to Creek Nation for the bingo operation contracted by Indian Country. Robert Leison (center), also with I.C., and Artichoker made the presentation to Chief December 19 after a month of operation. The $100,000 has been deposited in an interest bearing, special bingo income account until appropriations are made by the Principal Chief and the National Council.

Legislation Presented to Creek Council Concerning "People's Choice" Issue

By Helen Chalakee

A proposed resolution affecting the opinion of Creek citizens has been brought before the Muscogee (Creek) National Council by Principal Chief Cox.

The resolution amounts to whether the Council will vote to put a constitutional amendment before the Creek people to vote on. If the Council approves this action, a special election will be called by the Chief to let the voters decide if they want to be represented by one councilman per district.

At present, some districts have as many as three representatives. Others have only one. The number of representatives per district is now determined by Article 6, Section 2 of the Muscogee Constitution. As tribal enrollment increases per district, so does Council representation.

The Council's budget is solely supported from tribal funds. That is why it is important that the people themselves decide on this matter. They must determine where they feel their money is being used most effectively.

A Councilmember receives $250 a month for one meeting. Additional meetings are paid out at $50 each, plus mileage. The monthly meetings alone now amount to $4,250 a month, or fifty-one thousand a year.

As the Creek Nation increases in enrollment, the Creek Nation Citizenship Board estimates by the 1985 Council Representative election Creek District will have increased to add at least one more representative to their present two; Tulsa District will increase to one more, making a total of four; Okmulgee District will increase to possibly two more, making a total of five; Okfuskee District will increase one, making a total of three; McIntosh District will add one more, making a total of four; and Hughes District will increase by one to make a total of three. Muskogee and Wagoner Districts are expected to remain the same with one representative per district.

With an estimated 24 member council, amounting to a 41% increase, the monthly meeting annual cost would be seventy-two thousand annually. Currently, the Council's operating budget for travel is $32,000. With the increase, it would amount to $58,240. For additional meetings, the current budget is $17,800, with the increase, the amount would be $25,098. These three budgets with other personal costs for the National Council would total one half million dollars per term over the now 17-member Council.

National Council Speaker Carney Roberts stated, "The individual Council Representatives should put a lot of consideration into this proposed legislation. They should keep in mind what is of more benefit to the people, rather than themselves or the Chief."

He explained further, "Everything we do as a tribal council should reflect the advise of our district citizens. If we think of this matter as giving up our positions, there is no guarantee any of us are going to be re-elected to the council regardless of how we vote on the amendment issue. If council membership is cut back, remains the same or is increased - whoever the people want as their representative will be the one to gain office."

Speaker Roberts did urge Creek citizen participation in this matter. He suggested the people talk to their representatives and let them know how they feel about what is enacted.

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highest levels of both governments.

Haney explained the legislative process for passing a Bill. He added, "Over 500 Bills are considered in a session. Sometimes legislation affecting Indian tribes is slipped through on these Bills in ambiguous language. That is why we need clear-cut legislation when dealing with Indian issues."

"It is very important for tribal leaders to prepare a solid position because a lot of questions are going to be posed to them from the state legislators," Haney remarked. "We may never get this resolution out of committee. There is no guarantee the legislators will accept it. I did talk to Governor Nigh about the committee's plan and he is very pleased about what we are doing." Haney said.

On January 11, Haney met with the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribe's quarterly meeting at Tahlequah to discuss the legislation. This Council is comprised of tribal leaders of the Creek, Seminole, Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations. More meetings are planned to finalize the resolution. Haney advised the tribal leaders that a final draft should be developed quickly in order for the state legislators to have ample review time.

MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS

The Muscogee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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NAIAA Championship Basketball Tourney

The NAIAA has announced their first International All-Indian Men & Women's Championship Basketball Tournament which will close out the Association's basketball season for 1984-85. The tournament site will be at Eufaula, Canadian, and Checotah High School campuses, March 28, 29, and 30, 1985. Teams have been invited from Canada, USA, and Mexico to participate in this Championship Basketball Tournament which should prove to be the most represented Indian basketball tournament in the country. The awards are: CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM—Championship Team Trophy, Individual Championship Jackets, Championship Gold Medals and Rings.

The entry fee for each team will be **$75. The team coach can contact** NAIAA offices for more information at: Rt. 2 Box 186, Beggs, OK 74421, or by calling (918) 267-4674 or (918) 267-4015.

100 Years for Coweta Church

Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church will be celebrating it's 100th Anniversary in June of this year. We are seeking pictures, articles, and anything of historical content. Please contact pastor Gary Hawkins, Rt.3, Eufaula, OK 74432, (918) 689-9490. If you have any items which you want returned to you, please clearly print your name and address on the item. We need the items by April 1. Thank you for any help you may be able to give us.

Mrs. Earnest Best
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Applications for Clothing Fund To Be Taken at Sites

The locations and dates for Tribal Fund applications will be taken by CN Social Services employees at the following sites: Hughes County - January 21, 10:00 A.M., at the Community Action building on 416 E. Poplar in Holdenville; Okfuskee County - January 28, 9:30 A.M. at the back entrance of the Creek Nation Hospital in Okemah; and in Okmulgee County, applications will be taken on February 4, at 9:00 A.M. at the Okmulgee Community Center.

Applicants must be able to verify previous grant by client's citizenship, verify school enrollment of child, and have a copy of the child's tribal enrollment.

Dear MNN,

It's wonderful knowing people nice as you. A very special thank you to one and all.

We wish to thank Social Services for the clothing fund that you sent to our girls.

Charlie and Senora Hayes
Parents of Sonia & Wakota

COMMODITY FOOD DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS

		February
First & Third Tuesday of Every Month		
Holdenville-Community Action Bldg.	10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	5th & 19th
Coweta-Cedar Creek Church	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	5th & 19th
Glenpool - Indian Mission	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	5th & 19th
Second & Fourth Tuesday		
Hanna - Vernon Community Center	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	12th & 26th
Ryal-Yardeka Community Center	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	12th & 26th
Wilson - Warehouse	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	12th & 26th
Dewar - Warehouse	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	12th & 26th
Morris - Warehouse	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	12th & 26th
Weleetka - Community Center	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	12th & 26th
First & Third Wednesday		
Castle - Indian Community Center	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	6th & 20th
Buckeye - (**) Buckeye Indian Church	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	6th & 20th
First & Third Thursday		
Stidham - Big Arbor	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	7th & 21st
Eufaula - IHS Parking Lot	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	7th & 21st
Bristow - Muttleloke Ind. Meth.	9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	7th & 21st
Kellyville - Community Center	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	7th & 21st
Twin Hills - Warehouse	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	7th & 21st
Second & Fourth Thursday		
Yeager - Yeager Mission Church	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.	14th & 28th
Checotah - C.N. Day Care Center	9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	14th & 28th
Wetumka - Community Center	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	14th & 28th

CN's Sherrin Watkins Receives Law Degree

Sherrin Watkins in the Other Rights Protection Department of Creek Nation, is now a licensed attorney. She was sworn to the Oklahoma Bar on October 18, 1984. She received her Juris Doctor from the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Ms. Watkins has staffed the Other Rights Protection Office at Muscogee (Creek) Nation since February 14, 1983.

Ms. Watkins wishes to inform the Creek people that her Office handles questions concerning the location and status of and title to original and inherited allotments. She will also answer any questions concerning probates of estates and laws of inheritance.

Creek people eligible for free Elderly Nutrition (Senior Citizens) meals should also know that the Other Rights Protection Office is now authorized to prepare wills.

Creek Churches Urged to Send in Histories

The Creek Nation Communications Department encourages area Creek churches to submit their histories, legibly written or typed to CN Communications Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447.

These histories will be compiled into a book with photographs on Creek church traditions.

Upon publication of the book, each church may wish to sell a certain number of these books as a fundraising project for their church. In this arrangement, the church would receive the profits above the printing cost of each book sold. For further information on this Church History project, contact Rita Williams in the Communications Department at Creek Nation, (918) 756-8700, Ext. 327.

Birth Announcements

Kara Renee Wolfe

It's A Girl!

Kara Renee Wolfe, daughter of Rick and Minnie Wolfe, was born November 10, 1984. She weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Long, Jenks, and Mr. & Mrs. Benny Bunyard, Henryetta. Both parents are employed by Creek Nation.

It's A Boy!

Billy Jack and Kathy Bevenue of Tulsa announce the birth of a son on December 9 at the Claremore Indian Hospital. He has been named Christopher Michael.

Maternal grandparents are Jesse and Marie Phillips of Tulsa, and paternal grandparents are Edith Bevenue of Tulsa and Jack Bevenue of Okmulgee. Lois Standridge of Sikeston, Mo. is a great-grandmother.

Thanks!

The Communications Dept. wishes to thank Fred Jones and Jimmy Jones for the beautiful cake that was made and delivered to the Dept. We appreciate you!

Communications Dept.

Coon's Celebrate 39th...

PHILLIP AND HELEN COON celebrated their 39th Wedding Anniversary December 18, with a quiet dinner out and a holiday trip to the Orange Bowl in Tampa, Florida. The couple, who have shared both happiness and sorrow throughout their marriage of mutual respect and love, are shown on (left) in 1945 shortly after they were married when Mr. Coon was home on leave from the Army; and (right) in 1979 when the couple were attending a Reunion of the 31st Infantry Division in California.

OFIW Hosts Jr. Miss Pageant

The 1985 Benefit Pow-wow, sponsored by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, will be held February 16, at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds, Old International Building, Oklahoma City.

The crowning of the 1985 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma will also take place during the Pow-wow.

Those involved in the Pow-wow this year are: Shirley Wapskineh, Director; Committee - Florence Tims, Nancy Tsoodle, Tommie Doyebi Harris, Francine Worthington, Judy Giago, Millie Ketcheshawno and Dolly Lane Box.

Gourd Dancing begins at 1:00 p.m. with host Gourd Dance Society - Vietnam Era Veterans. The Head Man Gourd Dancer is Terry Tsotigh, and Head Lady Gourd Dancer Peggy Scott, the 1983 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma. Head Singer is Ralph Kotay and the Evening Meal will be served at 5:00 P.M. BYOD & chairs.

Contest Registration closes at 7:00 with the Men's Fancy Dance sponsored by the Bartlesville Indian Women and Traditional & Straight Combined sponsored by the Pawnee Warriors. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category.

During the parade for the evening program at 7:30, Sammy White will be the M.C. with Head Fancy Dancer, Wade Weller; Head Traditional Dancer Faron Owl and Head Lady Dancer Leslie Barichello. The Arena Directors will be Elrod Monoessey and Ira Birdcreek. The Honored Guests will be Karen Harjo, the 1984 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma and Tribal chiefs and chairmen. For more information contact Shirley Wapskineh, (405) 632-5227.

The deadline for the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma contest is February 1 and to enter, you must be between the ages of 13-17, never have been married, have proof of Indian descent, must be a resident of Oklahoma, and you must submit a filled out application and a $5 entry fee.

In the Penny-a-vote contest, the winner will be selected by the amount of penny votes she brings in. The winner will receive a shawl banner, trophy and crown. A "Nancy Tsoodle Award " will also be given for the first time. This award, named after the originator of the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma, will be for Outstanding Participation.

Creek Commended "Sailor of the Month"

The "Sailor of the Month" award was recently presented to James C. Wind, Creek-Cherokee, of Okemah, OK. Wind is a Aviation Maintenance Administration Man Second Class, with the United States Army. He is stationed at the Jacksonville, Florida Naval Base.

A Letter of Commendation was presented to Wind by his Commanding Officer "for selection as Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron's SEVEN'S "Sailor of the Month" for November, 1984." Wind's selection was made over 140 squadron members. The selection was based on superior professional performance, devotion to duty, and contribution to squadron morale.

The Commanding Officer issuing the Commendation continued in his praise of Wind and his contribution to his squadron - "A strong team player with utmost sensitivity to the needs of others, you have consistently been the squadron mate, who without being asked, quietly stepped in wherever help was needed. Additionally, your desire to excel, "can do" attitude, and devotion to duty reflect great credit upon yourself and the United States Naval Service. It is with sincere pleasure that I recognize your many positive qualities and accomplishments. Congratulations on a job well done."

Wind is the son of Daniel and Wanda Wind of Okemah, Ok.

Okmulgee Indian Community January Meeting/Minutes

By Rachel Thomas

Prayer by Kogee Keith and Welcome by Chairperson Cora Derrisaw. No minutes read as the community had their Anniversary Dinner in October, Thanksgiving Dinner in November, Christmas Dinner and gift exchange in December. The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Gayle Bevenue. The Community sold candles during December and all the money should be turned in and any candles not sold should also be turned in. Turn your money and candles in to any of the officers.

The Okmulgee Indian Community Senior Citizens prepared and served dinner to Chief Cox, State and Tribal representatives and made $120 for their efforts.

Steve Landsberry announced that Creek Nation has a BIA contract to hire an individual to put on workshops on Home Improvements. These workshops will be held in the different communities, starting in March. To have a workshop, each community will need 20 people to commit and participate in workshops regarding basic procedures, proper procedures in electrical, plumbing, minor carpentry, etc. If you would like to take part in these workshops leave your name with Cora. Cora can be reached everyday at the Dining Hall of the Creek Nation Complex.

The OIC received a letter and questionaire from the Adult Education department of Creek Nation. If you would like to attend GED classes, beading, or other classes, get in contact with Cora.

Bobby Hardridge, Okmulgee representative, was in attendance and gave a short talk about continuing to work with each other.

Leah Stacy, Okmulgee representative, was in attendance and announced that February 4 was clothing date for applications, the Council had signed a bill to provide for handicapped children and that Creek Nation had received the first check from the Bingo Hall for 1st quarter, and if you would like to have input into how this money should be spent, contact her or other representatives. The only question asked was how much the check was for. Answer: $100,000. She said the Council had also approved the appointments of justices.

Steve Landsberry said he and Steve Wilson had been giving thought to a fund raiser for the community. They think tobacco items being sold through the community would be a money making project. This idea is still in the planning stages and more planning and talking with the CN administration, volunteers, startup money, stock, are things still to be considered. Chief Cox was in attendance, he thinks the tobacco shop idea is good. Creek Nation issues licenses and collects 25¢ tax on each carton.

Chief Cox said he had introduced a Bill to cut back representatives on the National Council. It is now based on population and the governmental cost is getting too expensive. We now have 17 representatives and looking at 24 or 30 representatives. Chief said the seventeen representatives must approve a bill before it can be voted on by the people they represent. The 17 representatives are now paid for each meeting attended, each planning session they attend, for miles driven and for their telephone bills, and for training they feel they need. Appointments to Boards are not acted on by representatives quickly enough. Minutes are one month late and bills aren't acted upon until the next month. He thinks the representatives need to get the Bill passed for cutting back on the National Council. This is the governmental costs of Creek Nation and it is getting too expensive.

The money used to pay the Council is Tribal money, your money, not Federal or state money. If this money was reduced for government expenses this would mean more services to Creek people. He feels the Tribe should stay within their means, reinvest their money, and to address "cutback" of representatives before the next election. Need 2/3 of Council to vote for this Bill.

There is a question and answer session following Chief's talk. Leah Stacy said the Council was in the process of preparing a Bill to present to Chief on representation. Leah Stacy said her personal feelings is there should be two representatives for each County, as one representatives cannot get around to all communities and people. Robert Hardridge feels representatives ought to be "cutback" but right now does not know to how many.

Chief feels two representatives to each district is still out of balance. One question was if the 17 representatives do not approve Chief's bill to cutback does this mean the people they represent will never get to vote on whether to leave as is or to cutback. Another question addressed to Leah and Bobby was how much do they get paid from Creek Nation for being a representative/ Their reply was $250 a month.

A motion was made to limit the number of representatives to the National Council. This was voted on and Ayes won. Leah was then asked if she would support Chief's cutback representation as that was what the community wanted. Leah replied that she also had other communities to represent and do what they wanted to represent and do what they wanted also.

The meeting went into other business. The OIC will serve breakfast January 26th from 8 to 11 for $2.50 a plate. OIC will need volunteers and donations. Door prize was won by Felix Brown. February door prize will be donated by Martha Chalakee.

The next meeting will be February 11. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings, held each Monday at 7 p.m each month, and the bingo and cakewalk after the meeting. There were 35 people in attendance at this meeting.

Dear MNN,

Help! I am looking for descendants of Clarissa Hodge, David Hodge, Jr., Mary Hodge, Adeline Hodge, Lewis Perryman and Amos Davis. Please contact Attorney Oliver E. Davis Jr., Box 877, Anadarko, Ok or Olivia Davis Mausel, 25 Briarwood Dr., Holyoke, Mass. 01040.

Thank You, Olivia Mausel

THE SPIRIT OF THE SEASON REFLECTED IN CREEK NATION HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES...

JOINING THE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE EUFAULA DORMITORY were Creek Nation Manpower Program employees (left to right) Pearl Thomas, Kathy Brown and Thomas Phillips. They were among the delegation from Creek Nation Complex that were in attendance at the Dormitory Christmas Party.

A YOUNG EUFAULA DORMITORY RESIDENT eagerly accepts a gift from Santa Claus, Creek Nation's own Chubby Anderson. The presence of the, CN employees made Christmas a little brighter for the Dorm residents.

Honorable Chief Cox & Employees:

On behalf of the students and staff of the Creek Nation Eufaula Boarding School, we would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Chief Cox, the staff of the Creek Nation and to all those who helped to make this Christmas one to remember. Christmas is a time of giving from the heart as well as receiving from the heart. Your generous support in our first year has been admirable and we are appreciative.

Again, we would like to say thank you and if we can be of service to you, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,
Vann McIntosh
Administrator
Creek Nation Boarding School
Eufaula, Oklahoma

THE ELDERLY RESIDENTS OF WETUMKA prepare to enjoy a Christmas Dinner provided for them through the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program. The Dinner was served at the Indian Community Center in Wetumka.

LUCINDA GREEN, ONE OF THE OLDEST RESIDENTS OF THE CREEK NATION was present at the Elderly Christmas Dinner held at the Weleetka Indian Community Center. Each resident was presented with a gift during the Christmas program.

THE REV. GEORGE DOYLE spoke to those gathered for the Christmas celebration held at the Coweta Indian Community Center. The Rev. Andy Childers delivered the Service for the program.

SOPHRONA WATASHE, Sapulpa Headstart student, happily unwraps a new toy donated to the CN Headstart Programs through the nationally-recognized AYUDA Toy Drive. Sophrona is the daughter of Richard and Charlene Watashe of Glenpool.

SAPULPA HEADSTART STUDENTS UNWRAP NEW TOYS that were distributed to all three CN Headstart Centers (Eufaula, Yeager and Sapulpa) through the AYUDA Toy Drive, a goodwill project of Rahway Prison inmates in New Jersey. The toys were brought to Oklahoma by a 20-member Indian delegation from Miami, Oklahoma.

Headstart Children Receive Donated Toys

By Kathryn Bell

Three Creek Nation Headstart Centers (Yeager, Eufaula and Sapulpa), were the glad recipients of a Toy Drive that originated with the inmates of a New Jersey prison.

Each child received a new toy at a Christmas party at the centers through the AYUDA Toy Drive. AYUDA is a Spanish word meaning "help," and it aptly describes the beginning of the goodwill project of the incarcerated men.

Six years ago, an inmate at the Rahway Prison in New Jersey, Rick Rowe, was prompted to start a program for inmates to repair broken toys, when his young daughter, who was visiting him at Christmas, asked him where her present was. Since then, Rowe has become Executive Director of the project which has garnered national attention.

Now the program takes in new toys donated by such companies as Herman's World of Sporting Goods, Wallace Berrie Company and subsidiary, Applause, Mattel, Hasbro and Fisher Companies. This year more than 225,000 items were donated.

With a surplus of toys available, Rowe decided to donate this surplus to American Indian children. Rowe contacted the Bureau of Indian Affairs who in turn put him in touch with the Elks Lodge in Miami, OK. Distribution began with Indian children in the northeast corner of Oklahoma. These toys were brought from New Jersey Prison by a delegation of 20 people from Miami.

Creek Nation's Pat Presson was then called to see if any of the CN programs could use the toys. Headstart Director Jan Lee then made arrangements for the toys to be picked up and presented to the three Headstart Centers.

"The Creek Nation Headstart Program is very grateful to have been included in this project," said Director Janet Lee.

CN Employees Spirit of Giving is Key to Success For Creek Nation Boarding School Christmas Party

By Kathryn Bell

All of the excitement and anticipation of Christmas was to be plainly seen in the faces of the children at the Creek Nation Boarding School at Eufaula, as they enjoyed an evening of merriment at the Christmas party that was given in their honor - courtesy of the employees and administration of Creek Nation.

The party, held December 19 at the Dormitory, was complete with refreshments, gifts for each resident, and a visit from Santa Claus. Principal Chief Claude Cox led a delegation of 15 Creek Nation employees to be present at the party as guests of honor.

The Christmas festivity was made possible through the generous response of Creek Nation employees to a donations drive initiated by CN staff Helen Chalakee and Sharalee Bible. A total of $1,000 was collected at Creek Nation, with an ample amount of the total coming from the office of the Principal Chief. That total also reflects the proceeds of a concession stand that was set up at a recent CN Rodeo Arena roping event, plus a donation taken at the Welding School by Fredo Anderson and a 100% participation from the CN Housing Authority, with each staff member giving $5.

This generous outpouring enabled the Boarding School staff to purchase a gift for each of the 100 residents of the school and to provide refreshments for their party.

The evening was spent enjoying fellowship, · refreshments, getting acquainted, singing Christmas carols - of course the highlight of the evening was the passing out of gifts by Santa himself (benevolently played by CN's Fredo Anderson).

Thank you Creek Nation employees for your generosity which made Christmas a little brighter for the children of the Creek Nation Boarding School.

PRINCIPAL CHIEF COX GREETS ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP OF CN BOARDING SCHOOL CHILDREN at the CN employee-sponsored Christmas Party held at the Dormitory in Eufaula,

OBITUARIES

MONICA JEAN BROWN

Funeral services for Monica Jean Brown, 18, were conducted December 18 at the Concharty Indian Methodist Church, with Rev. Roy Bigpond and Rev. George Miller officiating.

Monica the daughter of Eugene and Alice Wilson Brown of Mounds, had lived in the area all her life.

Survivors include her parents; two brothers, Monte and Marcus Brown; two sisters, Karen and Nicole Brown all of the home; her grandmother, Nicey Wilson and great grandmother Emma Tecumseh both of Rt. 2 Okmulgee. Interment was in the Tecumseh Family Cemetery.

BESSIE McNAC

Funeral services for Bessie Bird McNac, 71 were conducted January 5 at the Hickory Ground No. 2 Indian Baptist Church, with Rev. Roley Haynes and Rev. Bridge Chuckluck officiating.

Mrs. McNac died January 1 at her home in Okmulgee. She was born August 4. 1913 in Jay Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charley McNac July 25, 1960. She was a member of Hickory Ground No. 2 Indian Baptist Church, and the Senior Citizens of Okmulgee.

Survivors include three sons, Pete McNac, Salt Lake City, Utah, Paul and Joseph McNac, Okmulgee; two daughters, Mary Bullett of Tulsa and Martha Lowe, Oklahoma City, one brother, Calvin Slick, Wagoner, a sister, Katie Steeley, Marble City, Okla., 28 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

NORA CLARK

Funeral services for Nora Opal Clark, 74, were held December 31.

Mrs. Clark died December 27 in a Claremore hospital. She was born March 21, 1910 in Okemah. She was a retired Food Service employee and a member of Newtown United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Douglas Little, Sundown, Tx. and Harley Little, Muskogee, one sister, Tsianina Powell, Woodbine, Md., a brother, Freeland Douglas, San Antonio, Tx., six grandchildren and eight great-grand children.

ROY L. COUCH

Services for Roy L. Couch, were held December 31, in Coos Bay, Oregon. He was 84 years old, being an original allottee of the Creek Nation.

Mr. Couch was born in Creek Nation, Indian Territory, September 22, 1900. He had lived in Oregon for the last forty years.

Survivors include one daughter Peggy Ellis, Coos Bay, Ore. four sons Roy L., and James both of North Platte, Nebraska, and Jack of Hawaii. One brother John C. Couch of South Point, Ohio; three sisters, Gertie Newberry, and Ocie Miller both of Porter, Ok. and Allie Bell Corwin, Wagoner, Ok. Seventeen grand children and one great-granddaughter.

TERRY S. SMITH

Services for Terry Smith, 81 former Muskogee County tag agent were conducted December 28 at Fosters Ivory Chapel at Petering Funeral Home with interment in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Terry Smith, a former Muskogee city councilman, died Sunday, December 23. Survivors include two daughters, Dana Skinner of Dallas, Tx, and Margaret Dean of Tulsa; two brothers, Gifford of Sonora, CA. and Victor of Escondido, CA.; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. Smith was an original Creek allottee, being 1/2 Creek.

WYNAH LEE HARJO

Services for Wynah Lee Harjo, 72, of Henryetta were held December 31 at the Shurden Chapel with Rev. Bryant Jesse officiating the service. Interment was in the Hickory Ground No. 2 cemetery.

Mrs. Harjo was born February 3, 1912 in Lamar and died Friday in Henryetta. She was a member of Hickory Ground No. 2.

She is survived by her husband, Wilcie Harjo of the home; two sons, Joe Fisher of Henryetta at Arthur Fisher of Muskogee; one daughter, Margie Harjo of Weleetka; one brother, Robert L. Sumpka of Muskogee; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

DR. DON BOWEN

Dr. Don Bowen, former Chief of Staff at Creek Nation Community Hospital and Medical Director for the Creek Nation died of an anuerism December 29 at his home in Tulsa. He was 40 years old. At the time of his death, he was on the medical staff at Creek Nation Sapulpa Health Clinic.

Dr. Bowen was born in 1944 at Henryetta. He attended school at Dustin, later graduting high school from Seminole. In 1971 he received a bachelor's degree in pharmacology from the University of Oklahoma. The following year he entered Harvard University Medical School graduating in 1976 as a Doctor of Medicine. He received board certification in Family Practice after serving residency in Glen Cove, N.Y. In 1979 he began work at the Creek Nation Community Hospital.

While serving as the 1983-84 President of the American Indian Physician's Association Dr. Bowen furthered the association's cause for the encouragement of Indian medical students and the preservation of their dedication to their people. He set an example for them through his own work with the Creeks. He was very proud of his chosen profession, and the Creek people were in turn, very proud of him. His Indian patients, especially the elderly, were totally trusting and loyal to him.

Dr. Bowen was a member of the Okfuskee County Board of Health, secretary of the Okfuskee County Medical Society and a member of the American Medical Association and the Association of American Indian Physicians.

Two services were held for Dr. Bowen on December 31. A eulogy delivered at Temple Israel in Tulsa spoke of his goodness, compassion and understanding. At his Indian funeral at Weogufkee Church near Hanna, Creek Principal Chief Cox praised Dr. Bowen's accomplishments in attaining professionalism and related that he would be greatly missed by the Creek people. Dr. Bowen's service was attended by Indian Health Service and Creek Nation Tribal officials, as well as many friends and relatives. Interment was in the Weogufkee Cemetery alongside his grandparents.

He is survived by his widow, Michal Ann Bowen; three daughters, Anna, Emily and Jenny, and his mother Mary Colbert of Seminole. Mrs. Bowen has donated Dr. Bowen's medical books and tapes to the Sapulpa Clinic and requests that memorials be made to the American Indian Physician's Association Scholarship Fund, 6805 S. Western, Suite 504, Oklahoma City. Ok. 73139.

WILLA MAE WELCH

Funeral services were held recently for Mrs. James E. (Willa Mae) Welch who died October 12 at her home after a lengthly illness.

The funeral services were conducted at the Owen Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Dan Phillips and Jonas Partridge officiating.

Burial and committal rites were held at the Green Hills Memorial Gardens under direction of the Owen Funeral Home.

Casketbearers were Gene, Tommy and Jerry Posey, Doug Freeman, Chief Peres, Ronnie Hunter and Phillip Coon.

Mrs. Welch was retired from the Civil Service in 1969 after serving more than 30 years with them. She was born December 5, 1911 in Eufaula. She moved to Sapulpa from Sand Springs five years ago.

Mrs. Welch was a member of the Little Cussetah Indian Church.

Mrs. Welch is survived by her husband James of the home; one son, Leroy of Placentia, California; one daughter, Janice Cypert of Sapulpa; one brother, Leo Hunter of Sapulpa; sister Betty Jo Hunter of Modesto, California, and three grandchildren.

STELLA BRUNER

Funeral services for Mrs. Stella Bruner, 79 were conducted January 11, at the Concharty Indian Methodist Church. Interment will be at the Haskell cemetery.

Mrs. Bruner was a lifelong resident of Okmuglee County. She died January 8, at Creek Nation Community hospital in Okemah, OK.

Survivors include two daughters Virginia Bruner of the home, and Teresa Stewart of Beggs; three sisters, Bernice Colbert, Glenpool, August Kepley, Okmulgee and Lydia Sweeny, Haskell; three grandchildren and five great-grand children.

Okemah Indian Community News

By Christine Henneha

The Sapulpa School Band at Sapulpa is representing Oklahoma and is going to Washington during the President's Inauguration on January 16, 1985. There are 138 band students going which includes 6 Indian students. Two of the Indian students are the grandchildren of Van and Sophia Taryole of Okemah. There are Christie & Ben Gibson, children of Sally and Clarence Tiger. A donation is needed to help with their personal expenses. Each child is to take $350. Any donation could be sent to Dwight Pickering, Counselor, Sapulpa High School, Sapulpa, OK 74066 in the name of Christie or Ben Gibson. The deadline is January 14th. We thank Chief Cox for his donation.

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A Memorial...

A FRIENDSHIP THAT SPANNED NEARLY A CENTURY was brought to a quiet close with the deaths of the two friends within a few weeks of each other. Joe Barnwell, right, died December 22, and Abraham Two Feathers, left, passed away January 6. Both men are shown at a local nursing home where Mr. Barnwell was a resident.

ABRAHAM TWO FEATHERS

Graveside services for Abraham Two Feathers, 95, were held January 9 at the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mr. Two Feathers died January 6 in the Muskogee Veterans Hospital. He was born October 21, 1889 in Low Gap, Ark. He was employed by the Fire Department in Okmulgee in the late 1920's and 1930's. He was captain of the fire department in Fort Polk, LA. during World War II. He served in both World Wars retiring from the Navy in 1960 at Pearl Harbor, HI. He was an honorable member of the Creek Nation and a lifetime member of the American Legion.

Survivors include one son, Don Lackey and a daughter, Jaunita Lackey both of the home, three grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

JOE BARNWELL

Graveside services for Joe Barnwell, 109, were conducted December 24 at the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mr. Barnwell died December 22 at a local nursing home and was born June 1, 1875 at Hitchita, Indian Territory. He was a housebuilder in the Hitchita area for many years. He moved to Okmulgee in the late 1930's. He served as a translator for the Federal Government during the change over from Indian Territory to the State of Oklahoma in 1907.

He was preceded in death by his wife Emma in January, 1962 and by his daughter, Greta Keels in 1977. Mr. Barnwell had many friends and was honored by them each year on his birthday.

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CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker. **ROLL CALL**: A quorum was declared with twelve members present: Chupco-present, McIntosh-present, Stacy-absent, Beaver-absent, Cloud-present, Barnett-present, Burden-present, Hicks-present, Bible-absent, Johnson-present, Fox-present, Hardridge-present, Thomas-absent, Cleghorn-present, Dunn-present.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS: "A BILLS"

11-A A BILL WHICH AUTHORIZES & ESTABLISHES THE SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRAM FROM THE FY-85 TRIBAL BUDGET. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-56 is hereby amended at Section 103 as follows: A. Delete the word "Reserved". B. Substitute in its place the following language: The Tribal Social Welfare Programs a total of $130,333 for School Clothing Grants and Tribal Burial Policy, which shall be programmed and authorized as follows:i. School Clothing Grant-$74,524.ii.Tribal Burial Policy-55,500.iii. Administrative Support - 309. (Supplies-Returned Check fees) Total $130,333. I. School Clothing Method of Distribution. The School Clothing program is to assist enrolled Creek Public School student with a grant for clothing needs, and shall be distributed as follows: 1. Payment amount shall be $50.00 per child per school year. 2. Payment Method shall be by the Creek Nation Department and checks will be processed payable to stores of clients choice and mailed to the applicant. 3. Eligibility Requirements: a. Enrolled Creek Children only. b. Child must be enrolled in grades 1-11 verified by a statment from school. c. One (1) payment per child per school year. d. Any one child who has received payment from FY-84 funds appropriated in NCA 84-30 will not be eligible for payment under this Ordinance NCA-84-64 during the FY-84-84 school year. An advertisement of the clothing grants shall be published in the local news media for thirty days and the date for application to be taken shall begin after December 14, 1984. **ON SITE DISTRIBUTION**: A. Available program funds shall be divided equally among nine (9) districts; Eight within the Creek Nation, the ninth district shall be for citizens residing outside Creek Nation boundaries. B. Applications shall be taken at a site to be selected for each district at a date to be determined. "Applications will not be taken at the Creek Nation Com[illegible]ex", this applies only to people residing in the Creek Nation Boundaries. C. Any available program funds not spent within a district shall be considered excess and reprogrammed for students not served in other districts. D. Applications for persons living outside the Creek Nation shall be on a first come first serve basis. E. A schedule shall be developed indicating the dates and site where the application will be taken. The schedule will be posted in the Muscogee Nation News and will also be provided to the District Representatives of the National Council.

II. TRIBAL BURIAL POLICY

1. Method. A statement presented from the funeral home signed by the funeral director to verify services performed. 2. The payment amount shall be $500 per funeral. 3. Payment Method. The Creek Nation finance will process checks made payable to the funeral home performing services and mailed directly to the funeral home. 4. Eligibility Requirements shall be:a.Enrolled Creek Citizen. b.Statement from funeral home. 5. The appropriations of funds shall be effective October 1, 1984. The BILL having been read, the chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunn to approve BILL 11-A as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, none against, no abstentions: Motion carried. BILL 11A was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

11-B A BILL Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA 84-23 BY adding the Indian Child Welfare Program. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 84-23 is hereby amended at Section 153 (A) (1) (a) to add the following program: "BIA INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM" The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a discussion. No discussion, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Cleghorn to approve the BILL as read. Upon duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried. BILL 11-B was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

11-C. MAKING SPECIFIC ASSURANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE 1985 APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been invited (by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) to submit an application for a grant to fund certain Community Development Block Grant Program activities. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby assures the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development that: A. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has prepared and followed a written citizen participation plan which provides Muscogee (Creek) Citizens, especially those living in the areas where activities are proposed or ongoing, with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed community development and housing activities, the range of activities that may be assisted, and the most highly rated activities under the approved rating systems and has advised them of other important program requirements; and has solicited their review and participation. B. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has followed traditional tribal means of citizen involvement that meets the standards required in Subpart "B" as well as this Ordinance, which provided adequate opportunity to articulate needs, activities, assist in the selection of priorities, and otherwise participate in the development application. C. The Muscogee Nation certifies that the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR 571.604 have been met. **Section 103**. No part of this Ordinance shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government for the development of the application and the execution of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the citizen participation requirements of this Ordinance do not include concurrence by any person or group involved in citizen participation in making final determination concerning the funding and contents of the application. The sole responsibility and authority to make such final determination rest exclusively with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government. **Section 104**. Based upon the foregoing participation process, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall include the following proposed programs in the 1985 application for Community Development Block Grant Funds: A. Okfuskee/Okmulgee District.......Housing Rehabilitation **Section 105**. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation assumes all responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1968 for environmental review, decision making and any action that would apply to the Secretary, where the Secretary is to undertake these tribal projects as federal projects. The sovereign immunity of the Nation is waived only for the purpose of this section, and only for declaratory, injunctive or equitable relief from the Courts of the Muscogee Nation; provided that claims against the treasury of the Muscogee Nation are not permitted by this section. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chupco to approve BILL 11-C as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. BILL 11-C was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws such. **V. Other Business: None, VII. Items For Consideration: None, VIII Announcement: Cancellation of November 24, 1984 Regular Scheduled Council meeting. Planning Session for December 31, 1984 at 6:30 p.m. VIII. Adjournment:** Unanimously adjourned.

Creek National Council Approved Minutes, October, 1984

Invocation: Bill Burden. **Call To Order:** Carney Roberts, Speaker. **Roll Call:** A quorum was declared with twelve members being present as follows: Alexander Thomas - absent, Irene Cleghorn - absent, Delbert Dunn - present, Leah Stacy - absent, Joe Fox - present, Bill Burden - present, Perry Beaver - present, Jonas Dunson - present, Clarence Cloud - present, Robert Hardridge - present, Dan Barnett - present, Carney Roberts - present, Larry Bible - present, Nelson Johnson - absent, Eliza Hicks - absent, Sandy McIntosh - present, Helen Chupco - present. A quorum having been declared, all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Speaker entertained a motion to approve minutes from the September 24, 1984 Regular Scheduled Meeting (minutes were mailed prior to meeting). A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunn to approve the minutes of September 24, 1984. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the result being: eleven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion did carry, and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. The Speaker entertained a motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 1984 Extra-Ordinary Session. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Bible to approve the minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion did carry, October 2, 1984 minutes were recorded in the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

10 A. A Bill Approving the Amendments to the "Declaration of Polices and Plan of Operation for the Creek Nation Credit Program. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds there is a need to amend Tribal Ordinance 84-26 to enforce the Credit Obligations of the Plan of Operations for the Consumer Credit Program. **Section 102.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-25 is hereby amended as follows: In Section 101, add the phrase "as authorized by the plan which became effective on June 15, 1978, for the use and distribution of the judgement awarded to the Creek Indians in Docket 275. In Section 105 change the second paragraph to read "Applications will be submitted to an in-house credit committee who would either recommend same for approval, in whole or in part, conditionally or unconditionally, or return applications on request to the applicants or borrowers, with advise as to why the action was taken. The in-house committee will be made up of the Director of Tribal Affairs and Creek Nation loan officers. This committee will meet monthly to review all loans and make a status report. The committee will make their recommendations to the Executive Office who will have final approval on all loans. In Section 109, the last sentence of the paragraph shall be changed to read: "It would be at the discretion of the credit committee to determine if the loan specialist is to accompany the borrower to insure proper use of funds". In Section 112, this change should be made by deleting "Director, Division of Tribal Affairs" and adding in its place, "Credit Committee". In Section 113, add two paragraphs, "j" and "k" as follows: j) High Risk Loans: Loans may be made to those individuals who are high risk with 100% security of loan. The total amount of these loans shall not exceed 20% of the total monies available to loan. Due to the amount of money to be loaned, maximum amount for each secured risk loan is set at $7,500. k) Availability of funds. Loans will be approved subject to availability of funds. **Section 103.** The secretary shall execute an original copy of NCA 84-26 as amended by this ordinance; and the Speaker of the National Council and the Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation shall sign the amended ordinance. The Chair Entertained a Motion. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Chupco to approve BILL 10 A as read. The THE CHAIR NOTED THAT THIS BILL WAS AMENDING THE CONSUMER CREDIT ORDINANCE NCA 84-26 AS SUBMITTED BACK TO COUNCIL FROM THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS.Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion did carry, BILL 10A was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

10B. A BILL Confirming the Commissioners of the Creek Nation Housing Authority and Establishing Terms of Services. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Nomination and Confirmations. The Principal Chief's nominations of the following enrolled Creek Citizens to serve as members on the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. George Farris, Tony Hale, Richard Larney and Chuck McHenry. **Section 102. Terms of Office.** The terms of Offices shall be for a three year term as follows: **George Farris** having been confirmed shall serve a three year term with the effective date beginning with the approval of this Ordinance and ending October 31, 1986. **Tony Hale** having been confirmed shall serve a three year term with the effective date beginning October 31, 1984 and ending October 31, 1987. **Richard Larney** having been confirmed shall serve a three year term with the effective date beginning with the approval of this ordinance and ending December 31, 1986. **Chuck McHenry** having been confirmed shall serve a three year term with the effective date beginning with the approval of this ordinance and ending December 31, 1986. **Section 103.** The provisions of this ordinance supercede any conflicting provisions of previous tribal legislation. **Section 104.**The Creek Nation Housing Authority shall notify the Office of the Principal Chief and any vacancy. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunson to approve BILL 10 B as read. The Chair entertained discussion. A committee report was given by Jonas Dunson for Business and Governmental Services recommending "Do Pass". Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: ten in favor, one against and no abstentions: McIntosh voting no. Motion carried BILL 10B was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO PUT ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION ON AGENDA. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunn to put items for consideration on the agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Items for consideration were added to the agenda. **10 C. A BILL Authorizing and Establishing the Cultural Education Program from the FY 1985 Tribal Program. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings.** The National Council finds that: A. In FY 1984, the National Council approved the first phase of a three year project to develop a motion picture regarding the history of the Muscogee (Creek) people. B. During FY 1984, the Communications and Graphic Services Department began the development process. C. It is the desire of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to continue the project in FY 1985. **Section 102.** Funds for the film project are authorized from Cultural Education funds as follows: Consultant Services - 50,750., Promotion & Production - 6,250. Travel & Office Expenses - 3,000.Total $60,000. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is authorized to modify the budget within approved line-item and total allocation. **Section 104.** The program budget is effective October 1, 1984. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Bible to approve BILL 10C as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Mr. Robinson, Communication Dept. informed the Council that this BILL was Phase II of the three year project to develop a motion picture. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. BILL 10C was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. **10 D. A BILL Appropriating Funds for Cultural Education to enter into a Contract (s) with the Creek Nation Memorial Association. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to enter into a contract or contracts with the Creek Indian Memorial Association (also known as the Creek Indian Museum or the Creek Council House Museum; a division of the City of Okmulgee, Oklahoma) to achieve the objectives of Section 102 of this Ordinance, and $13,005 is appropriated for that purpose from Cultural Education funds authorized by Section 101 B.4. of NCA 84-54. **Section 102.** The Objectives of the contract or contracts shall be: A. Training and instruction for Muscogee (Creek) Indians in ancient traditional arts of the Muscogee people, through workshops in pottery and ceramic art, lithic arts, reed weaving and basketry, staked weaving, symbolism and design, or other appropriate subjects as specified in the contract. B. Outreach to Muscogee (Creek) Indian communities, ceremonial grounds, and churches to inform them of the availability of such training and instruction. The amount expended for outreach activities shall not exceed 10% (ten per cent) of the appropriation. The Chair entertained a motion. No motion being made the BILL died for lack of action. **10 E. A BILL Authorizing and Establishing Guidelines for Higher Education Grants and Administration with Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Funds for the 1985 Fiscal Year. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** Activities and Application. A. Policy: The general policy for distribution of tribal judgement funds for Higher Education shall be to provide funding for Higher Education to Creek Citizens through the Division of Human Development at colleges, universities, accredited and vocational schools. B. Policy and Procedure Requirements for colleges and universities shall be as follows: 1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. 2. The student must provide a valid Certificate Degree of Indian Blood. 3. The student must be accepted by an approved college or university. 4. The student must provide a recent photograph. 5. The student must complete an original application and write a letter as to the educational plan for which the award will be used. 6. The student must notify the Financial Aid Office of the exact number of credit hours to be taken each semester, so that an exact budget forecast can be furnished for tuition, fees, and books. 7. The student must be enrolled or enroll and pay for the costs of tuition, fees, and books with the money awarded. (The funds will be sent to the college or university for disbursement). 8. The total amount of the award or awards may not exceed $2,000 per academic year for actual costs of books, fees, and tuition. 9. The student must furnish semester grades at the end of each term. 10. The student must be making normal progress toward a degree or certification which would enable them to receive the same. 11. The awards may be used to supplement those that are receiving aid from another source. 12. The approved awards will be sent to the school for disbursement to the student. Any monies to be refunded will be returned to the Creek Nation Higher Education Administration of the Division of Human development. C. Policy and Procedure requirements for vocational training as follows: 1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. 2. The student must provide a valid Certificate Degree of Indian Blood. 3. The student must be accepted by an accredited vocational school or program. 4. The student must complete an original application and write a letter as to the vocational intent for which the award will be used. 5. The student must notify the Financial Aid Office of the hours (for credit) and/or time to be accomplished for successful completion of the vocational training programs so that a budget forecast can be furnished for tuition, fees, and books. 6. The student must be enrolled or enroll and pay for the costs of tuition, fees, and books with the funds awarded. (The funds will be sent to the school or program for disbursement). 7. The total amount of the award or awards may not exceed $1,000 per vocational program per academic year for actual costs of books, fees and tuition. 8.The student must be making satisfactory progress toward certification which would enable them to receive the same. 9. For the purpose of vocational training only one vocation will be funded per person. 10. The awards may be used to supplement those that are receiving aid from another source. 11. The approved awards will be sent to the school for disbursement to the student. Any money to be refunded will be returned to the Creek Nation Higher Education Administration of the Division of Human Development; $50,000 of total budget for vocational training to be effective for the applicable spring term. **Section 102.** The total budget for FY 1985 shall be $197,475.00. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Bible to approve BILL 10 E as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Perry Beaver discussed that a few changes were made in this BILL from the previous ordinance that was passed and the Committee was recommending "DO PASS". Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call voted was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, none against and no abstention. Motion Carried. BILL 10 E will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. 10F. A BILL Amending NCA 84-57 an Ordinance Appropriating Funds for Museum Planning Purposes. The BILL was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Tribal Ordinance, NCA 84-57, Appropriating Funds for Museum Planning Purposes is hereby amended at Section 101 as follows: "Deleting 18,252 and adding in its place "18,990", and "Delete the phrase "Section 102 of NCA 84-12", and add in its place the phrase "Section 101 (B) (4) of NCA 84-57". The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dun to approve BILL 10F as read. THE CHAIR ADVISED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD APPROVED THE ORDINANCE BUT THAT AN AMENDMENT BE MADE REGARDING THE BUDGET CHANGING IT TO THE CURRENT TRIBAL BUDGET. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: nine in favor, two against and no abstentions. Voting against were: McIntosh and Fox. Motion carried, BILL 10F was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

10 G. A BILL Providing for the salary increase for the secretary to the National Council. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-24 as amended is hereby further amended at Section 102 as follows: E. 1985 Salary Increase (6 per cent) **Section 102.** The salary for the secretary to the National Council will be payable from Tribal Funds or other available funds. **Section 103.** Effective date shall be October 1, 1984. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Hardridge to approve BILL 10 G as read. The Chair entertained a discussion. Discussion was held with the Council acting as a Committee of the Whole. The Council discussed the Secretary is automatically given the cost of living increase as Creek Nation employees are. It was discussed that if the Council gives the Secretary a six per cent increase at this time this would make the secretary's increase twelve percent. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to return BILL 10 G to committee. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being eleven in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried BILL 10G will be returned to committee. A motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Cloud to recess for lunch. Upon unanimous vote of approval the Chair recessed the meeting until 1:00.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

The Quarterly Reports were prepared and distributed prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Breshears briefly discussed each Division and its program. The floor was open for questions and discussion. **OTHER BUSINESS:**None.**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Planning Session will be held November 13, 1984 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. **ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Barnett to adjourn. Upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting adjourned.

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CN National Council To Study Legislation

A Bill authorizing the Creek people to vote on a Constitutional Amendment was not passed by the Muscogee National Council at the January 25 meeting.

The proposed legislation was introduced by the Principal Chief as a cost saving mechanism for the tribal government and calls for a reduction in the number of Council Representatives from districts which are now requiring up to three representatives. In the future this number could rise as high as five per district.

The Council Speaker, Carney Roberts, has taken the initiative to reassign the matter to the Council's Committee on Government and Tribal Affairs. He has asked individual council members to respond in writing to the Committee about consideration for some type of reduction plan.

Negotiations are currently in process with the Council and the Executive Branch. Pending legislation is expected at the February 23 meeting.

Health Specialty Care Restricted By Funds

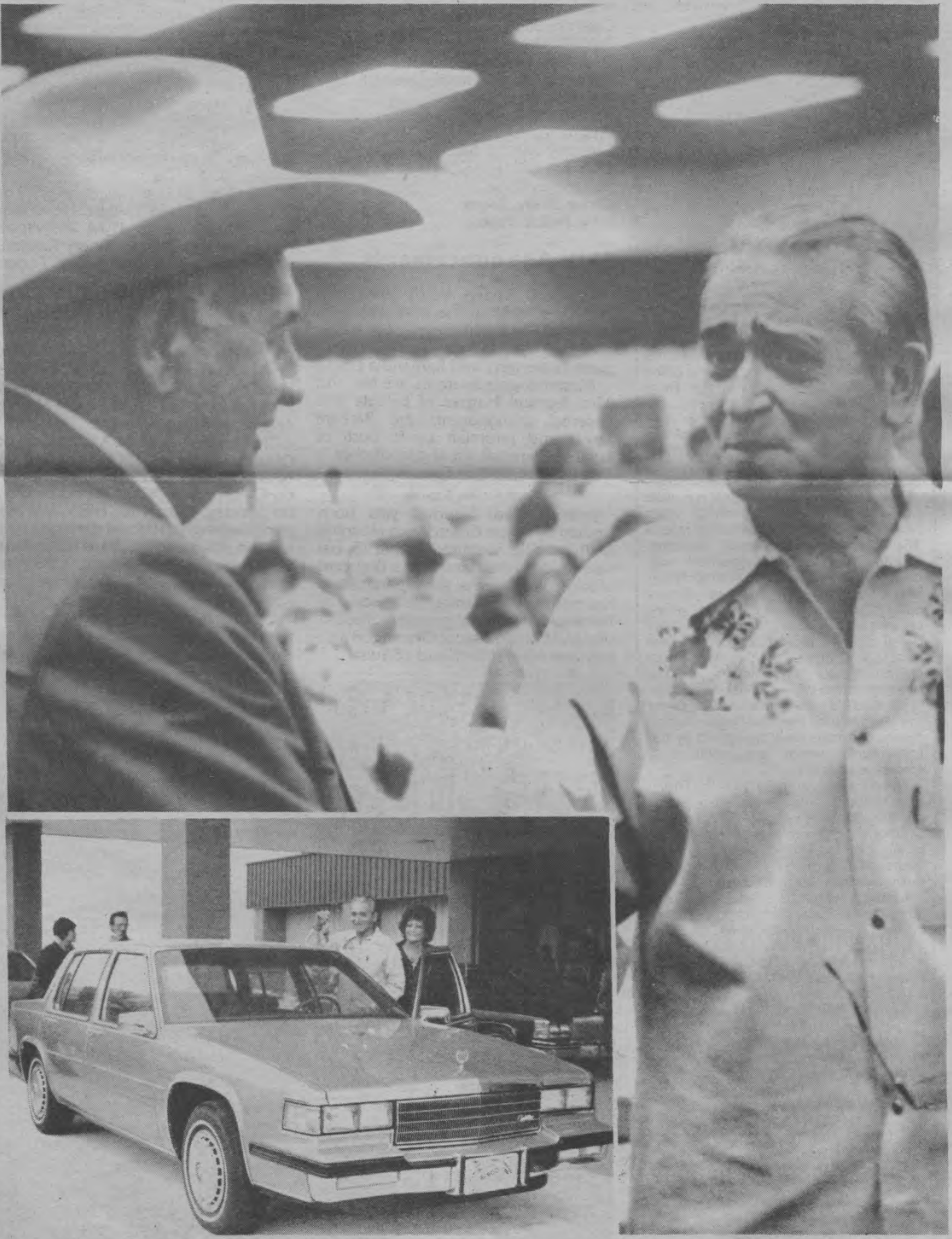
A letter was sent out recently to all health care facilities in the Creek Nation informing them that Creek Nation will not provide financial assitance for emergency room treatment, subsequent referrals or follow-ups from those facilities.

"Due to financial restrictions resulting from a reduction of funds, these services can no longer be provided to other facilities by Creek Nation," stated Gary Tarter, Administrator at Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah.

"Specialty Care Service can only be authorized through the Creek Nation Hospital. Individuals who seek emergency room treatment at any other facility other than Creek Nation Hospital, will be directly responsible for payment," added Tarter.

1985 Rodeo Queen Contestants Sought

Contestant applications for the 1985 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen can be picked up at the Creek Communications Department located in the Mound at the Tribal Complex. Contestants must be at least 1/4 Creek blood and between the age of 16 through 25. For more information contact Bob Arrington, CN Rodeo President, 756-8700, extension 220.



Creek Nation Bingo-

Principal Chief Cox Presents Creek Nation Door Prize winner, Cate Cervantes, with the keys to a 1985 Cadillac. The automobile was given away during the big President's Day Bingo, February 17. The Bingo Hall was reported 'Sold Out' in advance for the special event.

All-Indian Rodeo Scheduled at Ada

The Inter-tribal Indian Club of East Central University at Ada is sponsoring an A.I.R.A.O. sanctioned rodeo April 12-13. The rodeo will be held at the Lloyd Burke Arena, 12 and 1/2 miles west of Ada. 3-M Rodeo Co. is the stock producer. Books open 8 a.m.-8 p.m., April 8. Entry can be made by phoning 405/436-0498.

Other scheduled rodeos are: Norman, Stroud and Anadarko. For more information call Bob Davis, A.I.A.R.O. Secretary/Treasurer, at 918/266-2468.

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Umpire Clinic Scheduled..

The Creek Nation will host an Umpire's Clinic on Saturday, March 9 at the Creek Nation Complex.

We urge all who are interested in the workshop to attend and apply for their ASA Umpire's card. This will be the only class conducted this Spring. For more information, contact Steve Wilson, at the Creek Nation Complex (918) 756-8700.

Revival Scheduled. . .

Dear MNN,

The Community Indian Baptist Church, Sapulpa, will hold a Revival April 1, through April 6 at 7:00 p.m. The church is located eight miles west on highway 33, and one-half mile south of Sapulpa, OK.

Our Evangelist will be Rev. Larry Kingfisher of Jay, OK. The Music Director will be Bro. Lonzo Baptiste, of Tulsa, OK. Everybody is invited to worship with us.

Respectfully Yours,
John Fixico, Pastor

Birth Announcements...

Chassidy Renee Lewis

Chassidy Renee Lewis was born January 9, 1985 at the W.W. Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah, OK. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and her proud parents are Jerry and Samantha Lewis.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harper of Eufaula and paternal grandparents are Barbara Lewis and Jeremiah Lewis both of Eufaula. Paternal great-grandfather is Dean Deere also of Eufaula.

Jennifer Nita Bigpond

Jennifer Nita Bigpond was born January 3, at the City of Faith Hospital in Tulsa. She weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. Parents are Linda and Gene Bigpond of Sapulpa. Maternal grandparents are Norman and Juanita Jefferson of Talihina, Ok. Paternal grandparents are Lilly and Claude Cox of Okmulgee and Roy and Harriet Bigpond of Tulsa.

Haskell Alumni Plans Benefit Pow Wow

The Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma is planning a Benefit Pow-wow on March 16, 1985 at the Red Buffalo Hall, Kiowa Complex, Carnegie, OK. Officers of the Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma are; Jim Thompson, Pawnee, President; Sara Lonewolf, Tulsa, Vice President; Alice Tonemah, Tulsa, Secretary; Betty Tiger Lowery, Shawnee, Treasurer.

Board members are; Sue Bezins Pepper, Okemah; Ben Shoemake, Tulsa; Sid Carney, Anadarko; Louise Bear Harjo, Muskogee; Dorma Kissee Hollis, Tahlequah; William Buck, Kellyville; Dorothy Ware, Anadarko; John Edwards, Anadarko; Joy Philbeck, Tulsa; Gilbert Lawrence, Ada; and Danny Little Axe, Shawnee.

The Pow-wow program for March 16 is: 2 - 5 p.m.- Gourd Dancing; 5 -6 p.m. - Supper; 6-7 p.m.-Gourd Dancing; 7-11 p.m.- Social Dancing and 11-12 - "49."

The Head Staff includes; Master of Ceremonies-Sammy White; Head War Dancer-Joe Bointy, 1974-76; Head Lady Dancers-Belle Geionety Kayitah, 1949-78; Geneva Sahmaunt Foote, 1953-55.

Head Singers are Ernest Toppah, 1955-57 and Bill Koomsa, Jr. 1955-57.

Arena Directors are Frank White 1975-78, Mike Svitah, 1974-76. The Co-hosts are; Kiowa Gourd Clan, the Vietnam Era Veterans, Oklahoma Intertribal Club and the Native American Indian Veterans.

The Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma officers will be featured on Tonekei's "Voices of the Land Show" on Channel 5, KOCO, Oklahoma City, on Sunday, March 10, 1985. We are also planning to request time on KRPT radio in Anadarko, "Indians for Indians Show" on Saturday, March 9. Both of these programs will advertise the Pow-wow.

Committees for the Pow-wow are; Food - Belle Kayitah, Earnestine Hernasy, Emma Lee Unap. Raffles-Val Birdcreek, Phyllis Whitecloud; Concessions-Arlene McLemore, Helen Wetselline, A.D. Partridge; Registration-Juanita Ahtone, Libby Littlechief; Membership-Sue Pepper and Martha Perez.

Donations and volunteers are being requested. We would greatly appreciate the help of all former Haskell students and employees. Tribal Princesses and Directors and their tribal members in this area are invited. We are also inviting the Haskell Indian Junior College Indian Club and the Haskell Alumni Associations of other states; also Chilocco, Fort Sill and Riverside Alumni Associations are invited.

For further information, contact Dorothy Ware at Anadarko, 405-247-6673, or Vernon "Cy" Ahtone at Carnegie, 405-654-2300.

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If a name on the list is deceased, the next-of-kin or heirs should contact Okmulgee Agency for an application. In any case, make sure the Agency has a current address where they can contact you.

The payment is not going to be a great amount, but you are entitled to it - so make application for it now.

GREAT SEAL OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION I.T.

INTERNATIONAL GUESTS FROM NEPAL, LIBERIA, PANAMA AND INDONESIA study the Creek Nation seal during a visit to Creek Nation headquarters recently. The group was part of 23 international students who spent 10 days in Tulsa studying Native Americans. Their seminar was sponsored by the Tulsa Council for International Visitors. The students are studying all over the U.S. under the auspices of the Agency for International Development.

1985 State of Muscogee Nation

By Principal Chief Claude Cox

I am proud to stand here today and inform the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that we have closed out the 1984 year as the most successful in the history of Creek Nation.

Because our tribal accomplishments have exceeded our highest hopes, we are looking forward to 1985 with an even greater spirit of enthusiasm. We are on solid ground for the first time. This didn't happen overnight. It has taken forethought and long-range planning to get us where we are today - able to serve the needs of our people without fear of termination.

Our people are assured that health care needs are being met through the Creek Nation health care programs at the clinics and hospital. In this time of desperation in health care programs around the world, we have stabilized our system, safeguarding our people's health. I want to encourage everyone of our tribal citizens to make use of our clinics and hospital.

Our young children are being prepared to meet life through our early childhood development program at the Creek Nation Head Start Centers. They can begin public school knowing all the essentials of being a good student. Members of our Nation have the opportunity to participate in planned education programs where the possibilities of either college or vocational training are available.

Recently, through the cooperative efforts of the National Council, the tribe initiated a $100,000 school clothes program and opened an additional Head Start in Sapulpa.

Last August we took over operations of the Eufaula Boarding School, returning the school to tribal control. The changes we made have been a definite improvement on the overall living conditions for the students. The educational level has improved and student participation and activities have been increased for all of them. We have provided athletic equipment, provided additional tutoring services, and provided money for student participation in community and school activities. Through contributions from the Creek Nation employees, each boarding school student received a gift at the Christmas party. In turn, the students provided all of us who were there with an entertaining evening. I am so proud of the compassion the Creek people have shown toward our youth. We feel we have succeeded in meeting individual needs of the Creek Nation Boarding School children.

In the past we have been limited to the amount of federal funds we could allocate to the Higher Education students. This past year, we were able to supplement these students needs with tribal money. This is one of the reasons why it is so important for us to maintain a capital base.

Many of our people have received training in areas that will enable them to become a vital and productive citizen, not only in the Creek Nation, but anywhere they go.

A few years ago we opened the Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition site. This year we opened four more centers at Weleetka, Wetumka, Coweta and Dewar. These centers provide free hot meals daily for the elderly, plus employ more Creeks in the operations. These expansions were made possible through the wise use of tribal money to supplement federal funds. Other tribal programs have been developed for the elderly.

In the area of home improvement during the past year, over 60 Indian homes were brought to standard living conditions. Child Welfare has been expanded in our Social Services. We are now serving more Indian people than ever. An Alcoholism Counseling Center has been established at Okemah Hospital. Our Land Management team has helped many of our tribal landowners to upgrade their property value. We are at the point where the tribal government can assure its citizens individualized service in areas of need. Economic investments are showing results. The Creek Nation Agribusiness is turning a profit and continues to improve. The Creek Nation Bingo Hall is an instant success and I will be announcing more ventures in the near future.

Last August a review team from the Inspector General's Office in Washington D.C. declared the Creek Nation a model contractor for all the Bureau contracts we took over. In a letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, they stated our accounting system and financial administration are excellent. The letter also stated, "The Creek Nation accounting system accurately displays the cost of programs and is in compliance with all regulatory requirements. Billings are made on time and drawdowns under letters of credit represent the tribe's best estimate of its cash requirements.

For the third consecutive year Creek nation has been awarded the 'Certificate of Conformance in Financial Reporting'. We are the only tribe to receive such an award from the Municipal Finance Officers Association. When you go for three of these awards in a row. . "somebody must be doing something right!"

Eventhough we are doing well, there is still a need to conserve. Tribal funds which now total 16 million dollars must be used in a manner which meet the needs of our people. My staff is working on cost saving methods in the Executive Branch and the Tribal Council is doing the same.

Because of increased enrollment, next election could increase Council members to 25, which would escalate the cost of operating. Recently, I proposed legislation to them asking that they vote for a constitutional amendemnt to be put before the citizens to vote on. The amendment will insure that each district has representation while reducing the cost of tribal government. In no way will the amendment affect the constitutional powers of the Legislative or Executive Branches.

The strength of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has always been its' people. From this support, the tribal government has continued to progress. I thank each of you for your interest, and I look forward to working with you on issues which will act favorably upon our people for generations to come.

Choctaws Contract IHS Health Centers

The Indian Health Service (IHS) has awarded a $5.8 million contract under the Indian Self-Determination Act (Public Law 93-638) to the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma to operate a hospital and three outpatient clinics.

H.C. Townsley, M.D., Director of the IHS Oklahoma City Area Office (OCAO), announced that on February 1, 1985, the Choctaws assumed operation of the 52-bed IHS Hospital in Talihina and IHS health centers in Broken Bow, Hugo, and McAlester. All facilities are in the southeastern part of the state.

Under provisions of P.L. 93-638 an Indian tribe may take over the operations of IHS programs serving the tribe. This contract specifies that the tribe will maintain the quality and level of health care provided by the IHS. Included are family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics-gynecology, surgery, emergency medicine, radiology, laboratory and pharmacy services, dentistry, and ambulatory and community health nursing.

In Fiscal Year 1984 (October 1, 1983 to September 30, 1984) the Talihina Hospital admitted 1,172 patients who stayed an average of 5 days. There were 228 births in the hospital. A total of 23, 547 outpatient visits were recorded at Talihina; 10,302 at Broken Bow; 8, 519 at Hugo; and 10,514 at McAlester.

The population served is the 18,000 Choctaws and other Indians and their eligible dependents residing in or near the counties of Atoka, Choctaw, Haskell, Latimer, LeFlore, McCurtain, Pittsburg, and Pushmataha.

Excluded from the contract are the environmental health program, an IHS training center, a printed form warehouse, and 12 units of government housing. The hospital building will continue to be Federal property but will be maintained by the tribe under the contract.

The IHS also has contracts under the Indian Self-Determination Act (ISDA) with the Choctaws to conduct alcoholism, community health representative, and emergency medical services programs totaling $749, 000.

The IHS Oklahoma City Area Office administers contracts in excess of $19.4 million with Indian organizations and 36 Federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas. Major ISDA contracts are the Creek Nation, $4.6 million; the Cherokee Tribe, $4.1 million; and the Chickasaw Nation, $1.4 million.

Okmulgee Indian Community Meets for Monthly Business

The Senior Citizens of Okmulgee Indian Community held their monthly meeting Wednesday, January 30, 1985 at the Elderly Nutrition Dining Room; 13 members were present.

Officers for 1985 were elected as follows; Chairperson-Juanita Checotah, Vice-Chairman-Mary Gooden, Secretary-Cora Derrisaw, Treasurer-Martha Chalakee, Assistant Treasurer-Cora Derrisaw, Spiritual Leader-Willie Gooden, Assistant Spiritual Leader-R.T. Derrisaw.

The next meeting will be held February 27, 1985 at 10:30 a.m.

Prayer services are held twice a month.

Dental Health Month

By Barbara Ann Scott, CDA
Indian Health Service

February is Dental Health Month. Dental caries is a leading disease of children. February will find the dental health team armed with mirror, explorer, toothbrush and educational information ready to screen school-age children.

The concern for the dental health of the Indian community by the Indian Health Service and Tribal dental professionals is the committment to the prevention of oral disease, primarily dental caries and periodontal disease.

The major thrust for the 80's is on prevention. One of the greatest needs facing the dental profession today is education of the public to preventive dental care.

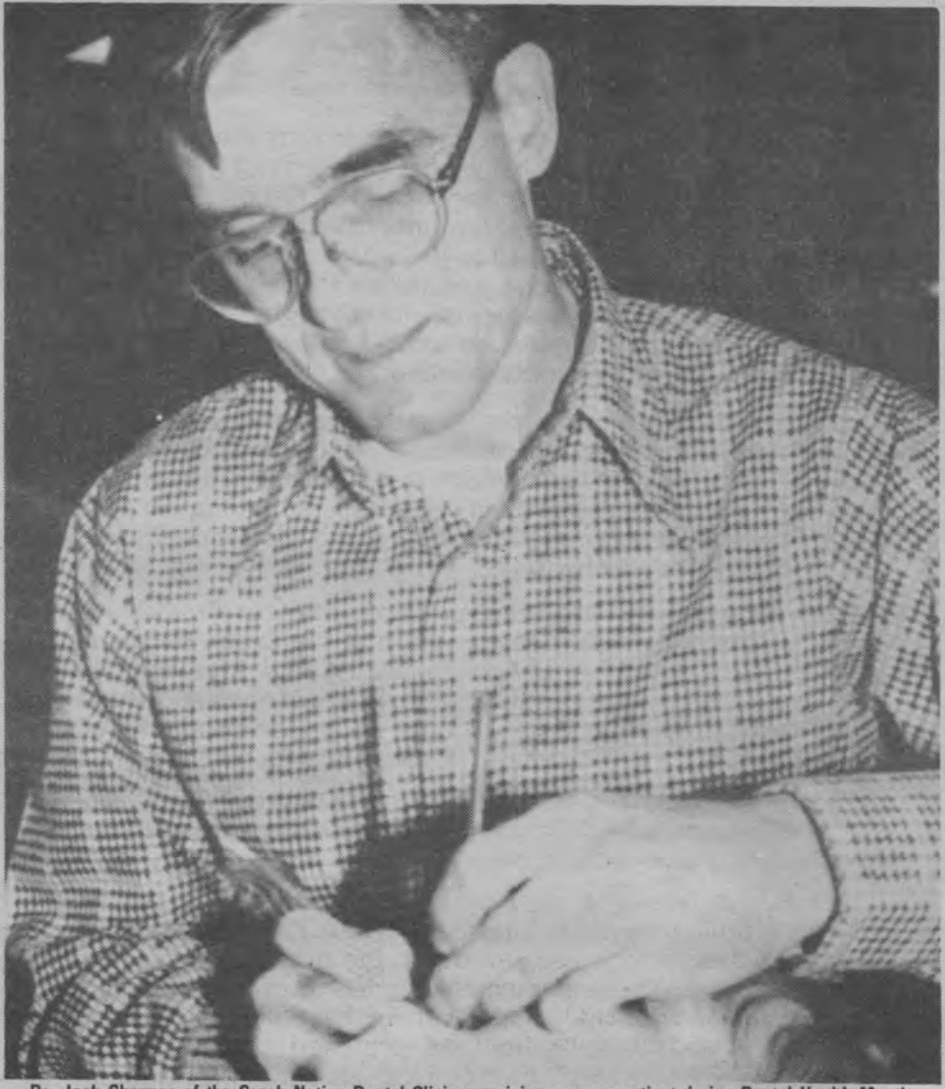
Today dental caries (tooth decay) ranks among the most prevalent disease of our society. It starts soon after teeth erupt in early childhood and continues throughout adulthood. At about age 35, more teeth begin to be lost from periodontal (gum) disease than tooth decay. The harmful effects of these two diseases can best be appreciated when one reviews the number who have lost all of their teeth.

With the implementation of school programs, fluoride supplements, fluoridated water, and the use of sealant programs, the future of oral health for the Native American should change significantly. The Indian Health Service and Tribal dental teams will place a major emphasis on each.

Fluoridation efforts are long standing, and even though community water fluoridation has been shown to reduce cavities up to 70 %, approximately 60 % of the people of Oklahoma drink community water with an optimum amount of fluoride. Sealants are the latest preventive procedure in which a plastic coating is placed on top of newly erupted tooth to prevent cavities.

The month of February has been designated as Dental Health Month throughout the country. The target group will be third graders. Each child will receive a dental screen, dental education, and a letter from the dentist concerning the status of their dental health. Along with this will be a reminder, "You Never Outgrow Your Toothbrush."

Dr. Jack Shannon and Dr. Chuck Grim of the Creek Nation Dental Clinic will be conducting Dental Health checks in some Okmulgee County schools that have fluoride rinse programs, as a part of their education and prevention program at the Dental Clinic.



Dr. Jack Shannon of the Creek Nation Dental Clinic examining a young patient during Dental Health Month

Kansas Couple Observes Wedding Anniversary

Jesse and Sharon Jones of Coffeyville, KS, celebrated their 25th Wedding Anniversary with a Reception from 2-4 p.m. in December.

Hosting the event were their children; Dixie and Donald Bruce, Jesse Jr., Jason, David, Jason Alexander, Jeremiah, Jimmy all of Coffeyville.

The Jones, who have three grandchildren, were married December 27, 1959 in the Pentecostal Church of God in Coffeyville. He is the son of the late Grace Hardridge and the late David Jones. She is the daughter of Ruth Donaghe and the late Roy Parsons.

Jones served in World War II and the Korean War. He is now retired and Mrs. Jones is a housewife and active member of the PTA.

Johona Jones

Creek Toddler Birthday Celebrated

Johona Jones celebrated her third birthday December 3 at McDonald's in Coffeyville, Kansas. The party was given by her grandparents. Her mother is Dixie Bruce of Coffeyville and her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones Sr., Coffeyville. She is the great niece of Wanney Cahwee of Sapulpa, OK.

Jason David Jones

Creek On Honor Roll

Jason David Jones of Coffeyville, Kansas is attending Wichita State University. He has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the Fall semester of 1984.

Jones is majoring in Music Education. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Jones, Sr., of Coffeyville, Kansas.

Plan To Attend '85 Creek Festival & Rodeo

At The New Creek Sports Omniplex In Okmulgee - June 14-15

100 Plus Creek Lady Recalls Century of Life

By Kathryn Bell

REV. ROLEY HAYNES LISTENS INTENTLY as Lucinda Green, who is an original allottee and over 100 years old, tells of her life in Creek Nation. Rev. Haynes graciously consented to act as interpreter for Lucinda, who speaks only Creek, for an interview with MNN staff at her home in Weleetka. Mrs. Green as closely as records indicate, is the oldest Creek resident of the Nation.

Lucinda Green, over 100 years old and an original allottee, is according to records, the oldest Creek resident of Creek Nation.

Mrs. Green, a resident of Weleetka, cannot remember exactly what year she was born, but Roley Haynes, 85, who served as an interpreter for the interview, thinks she is nearing 110 years. Family records were lost in a fire that destroyed her home some years back.

Although in fairly good health, Lucinda suffers from failing eyesight, and her mobility is limited to a walker.

Born and raised in the Weleekta area, Lucinda has been a widow for 25 years. She lives in a small frame house that was remodeled by the BIA with her grandson David Green and cousin Lyndon Harjo, who care for her. Lucinda's children, two daughters and three sons, preceded her in death. She is also the last survivor of a famly of five brothers and four sisters.

Tales of hardship and simple pleasures, recorded in the heart and marked by memory, were shared, by Lucinda in pure Muscogean linguistics and interpreted by Rev. Haynes. "I was married to Amos Green, a fullblood. We farmed a little on our allotment - enough to feed ourselves. I remember that we ate the wild pigs that roamed on our land and of course food like blue dumplings, sofky, corn and a coffee that we made out of parched corn. We were very poor."

Lucinda's century of living has spanned some of the history of a young Creek Nation. She recalls the family history of the removal of the Creeks from their ancestral home in the Alabamas to relocation in Indian Territory; "My grandfather was feared dead during the removal over the Trail of Tears - he got seperated from the rest of the family and they never saw him again, but it was later learned that when he got lost from the family, the government men in charge sent him back to Alabama. The rest of the family were settled around Ft. Gibson where their allotments were." The family later moved to the Weleetka area, where her father, Sam Buckley, a Civil War veteran, was the first pastor of the Alabama Indian Baptist Church.

Lucinda's tribal town is Alabama and she is a member of the Deer Clan.

With the history of a young Creek Nation, came inevitable change for the Creek people. Lucinda pondered that change - "All of the elders are gone, only the young remain. With this great change among the Creek people- our old ways have been lost. Our traditions were once useful and precious, but now things have decayed. Even the rules of the ceremonial grounds which were once sacred and strict, like no drinking - now they are gone."

Even though Lucinda lamented the changes she has seen among her people and customs, she added that everything has changed - "the Earth has even changed, once we could live off of this land and now people can't make a living off it." She said sadly, adding, "but my father told me of these things. We would sit up late at night when I was little and he would tell me of all these things and now they have come to pass..."

When asked why she thought she had been blessed with such a long life, Lucinda replied that she had taken good care of herself and had never participated in any strong drinking and such.

If she had one wish to be granted, what would it be? "My wish would be to just be well again," she said quietly, but expressed her gratitude to the Great Spirit for a long life as well as what most of us take for granted - a warm place to live. She also expressed the hope of having peace and joy in the next life.

What advice would she give to the next generation of Creeks - Lucinda teasingly replied - "I don't know - they wouldn't listen to me anyway." Rev. Haynes smiled at her response, then spoke comfortingly to her in Creek for a few minutes before closing the interview with his image of Lucinda drawn from a deep affection for her and from his long acquaintance with her, "I know Lucinda has been a quiet, religious woman and has always greeted her family and friends with kindness - she always bids you to come and eat..."

Sarah Haynes, Rev. Hayne's wife also cares for Lucinda, and Geneva Fish

Sarah Haynes and Geneva Fish also look after Lucinda's welfare.

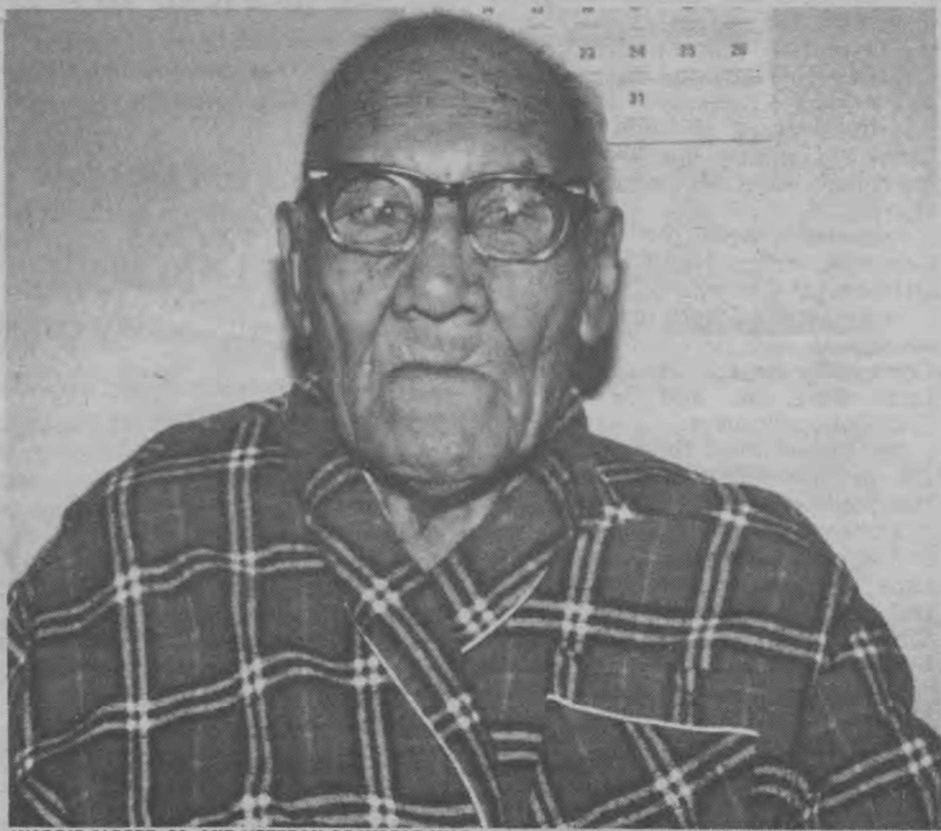
LEGEND OF INDIAN SUMMER

The trees of the forest went to the Great Sky Chief complaining they worked hard and produced many leaves for shade and provided sap and berries for food;

but when the fall came, their leaves just withered and died. After much thought, the Great Sky Chief came to the trees and said;

"In the fall, I will make of your leaves many colors that will be a delight to the eye, and please many people, and to preserve these colors, I will place them in the rainbow to be seen after each rain storm as an omen of goodwill to all men."

This pleased the trees and they have been enjoyed by all people ever since.



WADDIE ALBERT, 89, AND VETERAN OF WORLD WAR I, was recently honored by the local Okmulgee VFW as "The Oldest Living Veteran In This Area". Waddie, fullblood Creek, and an original allottee, was drafted into the Army during World War I. He lost a leg in machine gun fire on a French island during the Normandy Invasion on September 15, 1918 - three days after the historic landing at Normandy. Waddie, born near Weleetka in 1896, has been a resident of Okmulgee for the past 13 years. He is a member of High Springs Baptist in Okemah.

OBITUARIES

JOE JACOBS JR.

Funeral services for Joe Jacobs Jr., 58, were conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, February 1, at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel, Rev. Henry Jacobs officiating.

Interment was in the Lackey Cemetery at Hitchita under the direction of Cantrell Funeral Home.

Mr. Jacobs died January 29 at his home in Okmulgee after a short illness. He had been a resident of Okmulgee County and the Morris area all of his life. He was a retired heavy equipment operator and was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include Bertha Jacobs, Morris. Two daughters, Carolyn Martin, and Patsy Webster, Tulsa, four brothers, Willard Jacobs and Glen Jacobs

RUFUS BERRYHILL

Funeral services for Rufus Berryhill, 73, were conducted at 2 p.m. Friday, February 1, at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel. Rev. Jesse Sullivan officiating.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery under the direction of Buchanan-Wise-McClendon Funeral Home.

Mr. Berryhill was found dead January 28th. He was born May 29, 1911, in Okmulgee and was a retired painter. He was a member of the Honey Creek United Methodist Church and served in the U.S. Army.

Survivors include one son, Max Berryhill, Sacramento, California, one brother, Tom Berryhill, Henryetta, five grandchildren, seven nephews, and two nieces.

NATHANIEL (SPY) BEAVER

Funeral services for Nathaniel (Spy) Beaver, 55, of Morris were conducted at 10 a.m., Friday, February 1, 1985, at the Hoffman Community Baptist Church with Rev. Louis Bible, Sr., and Rev.Bridge Chuckluck officiating. Interment was in the Hoffman Cemetery under the direction of Buchanan, Wise, McClendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Ted Smith, W.J. Celestine, Chet Henderson, Derril Etchison, J.D. Burney and Dude Burney.

Wake services were held Thursday January 31, at 7 p.m. at the Hoffman Community Baptist Church with Rev. Louis Bible, Sr., and Rev. Bridge Chuckluck officiating.

Mr. Beaver died Thursday, January 29 in the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. He was born March 29, 1929 in Richardsville, Ok. He was of Creek Indian blood. He was a member of Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He is survived by two sons, Casey McIntosh, Dewar, and Mark Beaver, Morris; two daughters, Vicky Payne, Hoffman, and Donna Crenshaw, Fairfax, Ok; three brothers, Woody Lee, Hoffman, John Timothy, Muskogee, and Allen Dailey, Okmulgee; two sisters, Glenda Scott and Edna Brownfield, both of Dewar. Also surviving eleven (11) grandchildren.

REV. DAVID B. LEWIS, SR.

Services for the Reverend David B. Lewis, Sr., 85, of Eufaula were held January 4 in West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church with the Reverends Roley Haynes and Bunny Soweka officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Reverend Lewis was born August 13, 1899, in McIntosh County, I.T. He was a member of the West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, David Jr., of Henryetta; two daughters, Agnes Swain of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Mary Narian Haynes of Henryetta. Two brothers, the Reverend Washie Lewis and Frank Lewis, both of Eufaula; 11 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

BEMO CHURCH

BY DEACON CHEBON WHITE CLOUD

January 27 was Lord's Supper. Everyone was active and all camped. Morning message was delivered by pastor Jake Harjo and we had one re-dedication. Afternoon message by Rev. Steve Shell-Cherokee and Rev. Fred Williams-Shawnee, both of Tulsa.

Communion administered by Deacon Chebon, Sacrement served by Deacon in Training Matthew Tiger, and table prepared by Deacon in Training Tuskie Fife. Churches represented were Thewalee, Yardeka and Wetumka.

Feb. 27 will be Fourth Sunday, March 24 will be Fourth Sunday. We will have Easter two weeks early. We will have prizes for all categories, $50 1st Prize-Senior Citizens. April Church meeting-Lord's Supper. Everyone welcome - Come one, come all.

WILD ONION DINNER!!!

Big Cussetah Church will be serving their Wild Onion Dinner, March 23, beginning at 11:00 am til 3:00 pm. The cost is $4.00 a plate. Other Indian foods will also be served.

MESSAGE FOR INDIANS

Hear me my brothers and sisters,
It has been a long time since we looked upon the Great Spirit as we once did.

In thought, in heart, in blood, in spirit, in love, in vision quest.

Then, my brothers and sisters, we were strong in all these things.

But since we have learned of the magic leaves, and use of the frog's skin and put away our skin for clothing of another, we have lost much by this way, gained very little as one can feel. It takes much more for our feelings to reach out toward the Great Spirit. Still, with all that has come, the spirit of our ancestors still live - for I have seen this in your eyes and the eyes of your children.

We are, and always will be the chosen people of this land, and as it was, so it will be.

In your heart, blood, spirit and love, you know this to be so, for this is your heritage.

Words by your brother, Tomah

Greetings from Morning Star Ministries

My heart praises God for all the things that He has shown me. In these last days, He has been moving in a mighty way. I would like to share a scripture that a man of God shared with me, which gave me victory. As he held my hand, and looked at me, he told me, "Son, God said 'Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." Jere. 33:3.

And this has come forth to all of us in the ministry, for He has shown us great and mighty things, especially in our Indian schools where He has shown us how the children need God's love and affection, how they accepted Christ as their Savior, and how they rejoice through the Holy Spirit. If you could only have seen their faces when the Lord's Holy power was induced within them - it was so beautiful, so wonderful, so awesome.

We have been many places, seen many things, we have done so little but yet so much, willing to do more and more for our Lord. Our Hope is God's church will pray for us, Gal. 5:13 "Through love serve one another."

In His Service,
Negiel L. Bigpond

LETTER. . .

Dear MNN,

I enjoy receiving the newspaper, it brings back memories. My mother Lillie Benson (Robertson) attended Eufaula Boarding School. My uncle, Johnson Tiger, preached at all the Methodist camp churches and I was there as a kid.

My sister, Frances Cessna, also lives in Phoenix. She would like very much to have some Blue Dumpling flour and recipe. If someone there could send us a recipe. If someone there send us a supply (3 to 5 pound) we'd be glad to send a check covering the cost of flour plus mailing expense. Or tell us where to write direct.

Thank You,
Gayle R. Hollenbrands
9416 N. 36th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85021

Note of Appreciation

The family of Lyman and Stella Bruner, Rt. 2, Beggs, wish to express their appreciation to those who sent cards, flowers and food, as well as prayers, at the death of our parents.

Special thanks to those who ministered at the services, and to all of those who stood by the family during their hour of need.

Thank You,
Virginia Bruner

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Creek Girl Spelling Champ Brings Home First Place

Tonya Bigpond, a Second Grader at Liberty Mounds Elementary was declared First Place Winner in the Spelling Bee competition. She went on to compete against Third, Fourth and Fifth graders and placed Third in the competition. Her twin sister, Tammy placed in the Top Five and her brother, Negiel Jr. (Bunk) placed in the Top Five among the Fourth graders.

Tonya, Tammy and Negiel Jr. are the children of Jan and Negiel Bigpond of Liberty Mounds, OK.

For Tonya's accomplishment she received a First Place ribbon and a dictionary.

Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant To Be Held

Any Oklahoma Indian female, ages 18-25 years old who would like to be in the Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant can contact Shirley Wapskineh, (405) 632-5227, 515 S.E. 45th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73129 for an entry blank or further information. Deadline for the pageant is March 15. The Pageant will be held at the Lincoln Plaza Dinner Theater in Oklahoma City in April.

-Reprint, NIHB Health Reporter, January 1985

CREEK ACTOR WILL SAMPSON is contributing to services to help raise money for the Denver Indian Health Board. Sampson has a strong interest in Indian health issues and is assisting the Big Wheels Dealers Association in its drive to provide DIHB with a vechicle to transport Denver area Indian patients to medical facilities. He recently filmed a 30-second television commercial in the Mohave Desert to help promote the DIHB campaign.

Inaugural Day Includes Creek Youth

Sapulpa High bandmembers recently had the distinction, along with five other bands selected from among 43 bands, of performing in President Reagan's Inaugural Day ceremonies in Washington, D.C. on January 20.

Among the 181 Sapulpa High band members were eight Creek students. They were; Ben Gibson, a Freshman who plays the trumpet, Kristi Gibson, Junior, who plays the clarinet, Jeff Kelly, Senior, who plays the bass drum, Chris Tiger, Sophomore, who plays the trumpet, Laura Harjo, Sophomore, who is the Flag Girl, Jennifer Cox, Sophomore, who plays Percussion, Kevin Rowe, Freshman, who plays the trumpet and Joe Wheeler, Freshman, who plays with the Percussion section.

"The Sapulpa Indian Education Department of the Sapulpa High School is very proud of their Indian students," said Dwight Pickering, Indian Counselor at Sapulpa High.

Although the band did not get to march down Pennsylvania Avenue in the traditional Inaugural Day Parade,, because of the Parade's cancellation due to the freezing temperatures, the band did get to perform in a special concert at the Capitol Centre Coliseum in Maryland.

Another major obstacle encountered by the band members on their journey to the Capital, was a collision the morning after they left Sapulpa. Two of the five chartered buses collided on an icy highway in Indiana. Although eleven of the riders were treated for minor injuries, the Creek students were not injured.

Aside from the minor disappointment of not getting to march in the Parade, the students had a good time and were happy to return home. The band also laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as a gesture of goodwill from the state of Oklahoma. Creek band member Kevin Rowe spoke on behalf of the band of their time in Washington - "We felt really proud for our band being selected to perform in the Inauguration ceremonies. We had a good time. It was the experience of a lifetime for all of us." Rowe added that the sight that impressed him the most was the FBI building.

Mr. Pickering expressed, on behalf of the Creek students, their appreciation to Creek Nation for their support of them in making the trip possible and a note of appreciation was relayed by the Creek students to the Sapulpa Indian community for their support as well.

Smith Reunion Held At Middle Creek

The Smith Family Reunion was held at Middle Creek No. One Baptist Church on November 17, 1984. It was a cold and rainy day, but we had a very nice time meeting new families, taking pictures and stuffing our faces. We missed all those that were not able to come, but we're expecting to see you on May 25, 1985 for our next reunion. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list write: Diana Grayson, P.O. Box 4, Stilwell, Ok., 74960.

Creek Higher Ed Student Listed in "Who's Who"

Mary Frances Harjo was recently among forty-one students at Seminole Junior College to be listed in the "Who's Who in American Junior Colleges." The book will include names of students selected from more than 1,500 institutions in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Faculty members of the Junior College located in Seminole, Ok, nominated the students who achieved high grades and who were active in school and community services.

Each student nominated received a certificate with their names, a photo and a short biography included in the annual directory, published by the national organization of "Who's Who."

"The Higher Education Dept. of Creek Nation would like to congratulate Frances Harjo for being named to this year's "Who's Who," said Dan Burgess, Scholarship Officer for the CN Higher Ed Dept. "She joins the select number of outstanding Creek students who have excelled both academically and socially at Seminole Jr. College."

Corporal Timothy Jackson Receives Marine Promotion

United States Marine Corporal Timothy A. Jackson has been promoted by the Marines upon his reentry into the Corps. Jackson enlisted in 1983 when he was seventeen years old. He is a Military Operations Specialty Artillery Batteryman and is attached to the Seventh Marine Amphibious Brigade at Twenty-Nine Palms, California. He plans on making the Marines his career and has received recognition in Sharp shooting and long distance running.

Corporal Jackson attended Okmulgee School for five years, and later graduated from Holdenville High School in 1983. He is 23/32 Creek and the son of Mrs. Shirley Benham Bruner and the grandson of Edith Harjo, both of Holdenville. He is also the nephew of Robert and Annie Jackson of Okemah and is a member of Cedar River Indian Baptist Church near Holdenville.

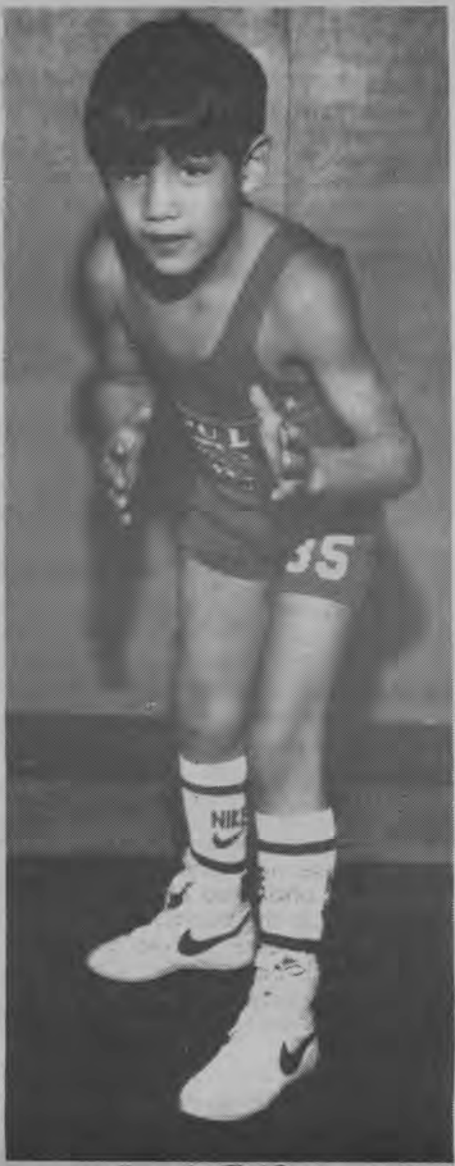
Billy J. Harjo Commissioned Air Force Second Lieutenant

Billy J. Harjo, son of Mrs. Mary Harjo of Clarksville, Tennessee, and Mr.and Mrs. Amos Harjo of Muskogee, OKlahoma, was recently commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. Lt. Harjo earned his commission through Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program at the University of Kansas.

While at Kansas University, Lt. Harjo earned a BGS degree in Atmospheric Science. Lt. Harjo has been assigned to Chanute AFB, IL as a Security Police Officer.

Lt. Harjo was named as a Distinguished Graduate of the Air Force ROTC program. AFROTC is the primary source of commissioned officers for the United States Air Force. It prepares young men and women to assume responsibility in today's Air Force.

Harjo is the grandson of Dave Harjo of Okemah and Mrs. Turner Bear of Checotah.



Hoovey Joe (Blue) Perez

Creek Youth Awarded Outstanding Athlete

Hoovey Joe (Blue) Perez, son of Hoovey and Della Perez is a Creek, Pawnee, Otoe Indian from Sapulpa. He is a third grade student at Washington Elementary School in Sapulpa.

In his first year of wrestling, Perez was awarded "Outstanding Athlete Accomplishment of the Sapulpa Wrestling Foundation 1983-84.

Going into his second year of wrestling, Perez' main goal was to place in the Regional and State Tournament. He did go on to win First Place at the Regionals of Bristow January 26. Perez then headed for the Oklahoma State Tournament of Oklahoma City. He placed one of the top four contenders in a sixteen man bracket. Making his way to the finals, he finished his final match with another No.1 opponent, where he successfully went all the way to win the Oklahoma State Champion Division I-58 pounds.

Spring Powwow at Bacone

Members of the Bacone Indian Club will hold their Annual Spring Pow Wow on April 20 at the college gym in Muskogee.

A Gourd Dance will begin at 3 p.m., Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., and the evening dances start at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend free of charge, said Dr. Charles Ballard, faculty sponsor.

For more information about the pow wow, contact Dr. Ballard , Bacone College, Muskogee, Ok 74403 or call 918/683-4581 ext. 329.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

This notice is to inform beneficiaries listed below of funds on deposit in the Indian Moneys, Proceeds of Labor (IMPL) Escrow Account at the Okmulgee Agency on September 30, 1982, that they must complete an acceptance form at the Agency by August 20, 1985, in order to receive their shares of these funds. Potential beneficiaries are Indian tribes and individuals who receive funds during the period between February 1, 1980, and March 31,1981, which had been previously held in a special deposit account at the Agency.

To assure an understanding of this distribution effort, the Agency is providing the following information:

1. Brief History of the IMPL Escrow Account - The funds which are to be distributed are those which were in the Okmulgee Agency's IMPL Escrow Account on September 30, 1982, plus the interest which those funds will have earned prior to the distribution date. On September 30, 1982, the funds were transferred into a special account in the U.S. Treasury called the IMPL Escrow Account. This transfer was accomplished pursuant to the Act of September 10, 1982, (Public Law 97-257).

2. Explanation of Method of Determination of Potential Beneficiaries - Regulations outlining the method to be used in determining the potential beneficiaries and their respective shares of the IMPL Escrow Account were published as 25 CFR 114.5 on October 21, 1983. These regulations provide, first, for each Agency of the BIA which has an IMPL Escrow Account to identify the length of time which would have been required to accumulate the total amount of funds in the account on September 30, 1982. For the Okmulgee Agency, that length of time was determined to be one year and two months. Second, each Agency was to determine the beginning date for ownership computations by subtracting that length of time from April 1, 1981 (the date on which interest began to be credited directly to special deposit accounts). Therefore, for the Okmulgee Agency, that beginning date became February 1, 1980. Third, each Agency was to determine the total dollars transferred from special deposit accounts during the period identified above to Individual Indian Money (IIM) tribal or individual accounts or to tribal accounts in the U.S. Treasury. The percentage that these amounts were of the total amount transferred by the Agency during that period was to be computed. That percentage was then to be multiplied against the amount currently in the Agency's IMPL Escrow Account.

The result of these computations establishes the identity of each potential beneficiary and the amount which each will receive upon execution of an acceptance form.

3. Information on Availability of Specific Data - The above computations have been completed for the Okmulgee Agency. Any person who believes that his/her name may appear on the list of potential beneficiaries should request specific data by contacting the following individuals, either by mail or in person:

JIMMY L. GIBSON, FIELD REPRESENTATIVE
JANE L. MOORE, SECRETARY
OKMULGEE AGENCY
P.O. BOX 370
OKMULGEE, OKLAHOMA 74447

Should any potential beneficiary's share have been determined to be less than $10, no transfer of funds will be made.

4. Instructions to Potential Beneficiaries - The statute (P.O. 97-257) and the regulations (25 CFR 114.5) require that the potential individual or tribal beneficiary must sign an acceptance of the determination before the funds can be transferred. This acceptance shall constitute a complete release and waiver of any and all claims by the potential beneficiary against the United States relating to the unobligated balance of IMPL accounts as of the close of business on September 30, 1982.

The acceptance must be signed during the 180 days between the date of this notice, which is February 20, 1985, and the deadline date established herein, which is August 20, 1985 (180 days).

Specific information regarding the handling of the acceptance on-behalf of estate accounts, minors, incompetent adults, or those in need of assistance, and tribal entities is also available at the Okmulgee Agency.

5. Distribution of Shares - After the expiration of the deadline of August 20, 1985, shares of beneficiaries who have completed the acceptance forms will be distributed to them together with all interest earned until the date of distribution. After the completion of all appropriated fund transfers, but not later than October 1, 1985, any funds remaining in Agency IMPL Escrow Account may be expended for authorized purpose, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, as requested by the governing bodies of the tribes served by the Okmulgee Agency. This authority to expend the funds ends September 30, 1987. Any unobligated balance on that date will be deposited into miscellaneous receipts of the U.S. Treasury.

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Creek Tribe of Oklahoma

Home Repair Workshop Scheduled For Creek Communities in March

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Office of Community Research and Development Administration has scheduled two (2) Home Repair and Improvement Workshops for the month of March.

These workshops are funded by the Creek Nation Agriculture Extension Program and are free to all participants.

Two workshops have been scheduled in two Creek Nation communities beginning at 7 p.m. on March 11 at the Okmulgee Community March 11 at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. Another workshop is scheduled for the Checotah Indian Community on March 12 at the low-rent housing project in West Checotah.

The Home Repair & Improvement Workshop will consist of educational information covering basic repair techniques concerning the areas of plumbing, electrical and carpentry. Other information to be presented will include actual hands on demonstrations of basic plumbing, electrical and carpentry problems and there associated costs. Take home literature will also be available for those attending. The program is scheduled to last approximately 2 1/2 hours and a question and answer session is included.

More information about the workshop call Steve Landsberry at 756-8700 ext. 301.

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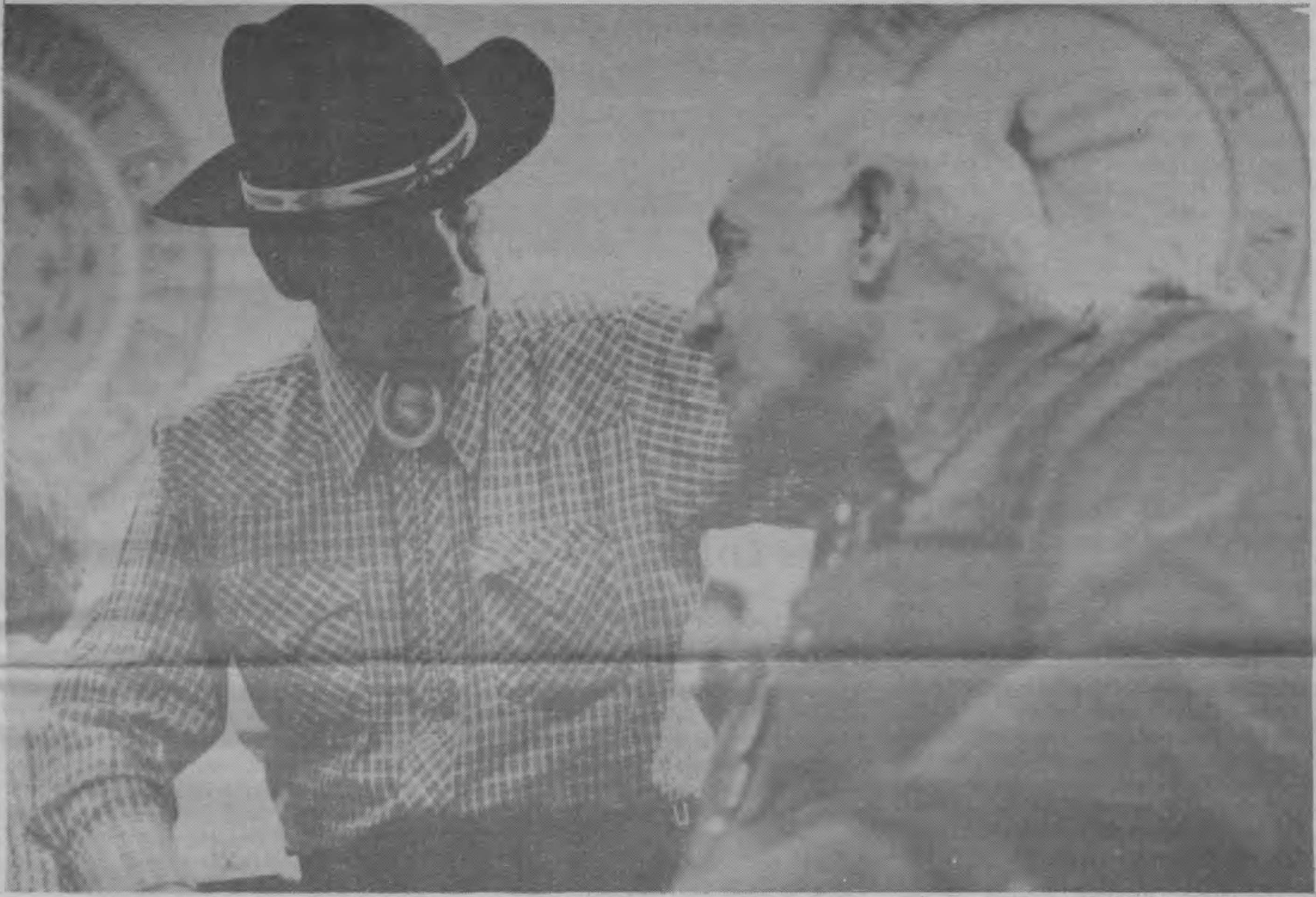

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Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox (right) and former Chief Dode McIntosh talk "Chief Talk" during Dode's 92nd Birthday Bash at McIntosh's Restaurant in Tulsa.

Former Chief Dode McIntosh Celebrates 92nd Birthday!

By Kathryn Bell

Who else but Dode McIntosh would have a 92nd birthday bash complete with a burly, kilt-clad Scotsman playing bagpipes and an authentic country western swing band having a virtual hoedown with rebel-rousing fiddle playing and driving guitar picking.

Hosted by his son, Chinnubie, the surprise birthday bash was held February 26 at "McIntosh's," a Tulsa restaurant owned by Dode's grandson, Randy.

Attended by the McIntosh clan, friends, and regular customers, the gala party had in attendance, such notable people as Principal Chief Claude Cox, a representative from Congressman James R. Jones office, Ramona Huffman, Tulsa television personality and other station personnel.

Among the over 100 people who attended the party, were some of Dode's associates and friends from the Akdar Shrine, Tulsa Scottish Club, and the Tulsa American Legion.

Among formal honors bestowed upon Dode, was an official letter from Congressman Jones office and a "Citation of Congratulations" certificate from the State of Oklahoma Legislative Body honoring him for his many contributions to the State, as a First Sergeant of the United States Army in World War I, Chief of the Creek Indians, President of the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, Chief of the McIntosh Clan of America and Tulsa County Treasurer. It further read - "in honor on your 92nd birthday and as organizer of the Akdar Indian Patrol of the Order of the Mystic Shrine...and reputedly the most honorable Indian in America..."

The party sparkled with Dode's wit and enthusiasm - punctuated with a mixture of sound from the bagpipes, fiddles and guitars of the country band. When asked how he felt about turning 92 - Dode chirped -"Nevah Bettah!" He added that he looked forward to hitting the century mark.

Throughout the party, complete with Dode dancing many sets with the ladies to "San Antonio Rose" and other favorites played by the country and western band, the friendships that Dode has made and cherished throughout the years, were evident as he presided over the festivities in the crowded restaurant. He eloquently responded to those who came to share in his day of happiness - "I would like to share this with you," he said, thanking each one for their attendance at his party - "a rose to the living is more than a wreath to the dead - and their are many roses in our gardens, some are white and some are red - but I'm getting mine now - before I'm dead!" The crowd applauded enthusiastically.

When asked the reason for his longevity - Dode paused reflectively and answered, "clean living, staying physically fit and no smoking or drinking!" He laughed then added pridefully, "Besides that, I'm married to the girl I love - for seventy years!" Dode and Lulu McIntosh were childhood sweethearts.

Although Dode has had a career as a statesmen, he contends that although it has been highly rewarding for him to have been involved in the Creek government, having served as Principal Chief of the Creek Nation for two terms, his greatest personal achievement has been his children "my greatest achievement has been in being the father, grandfather and great-grandfather of unexcelled and enlightened children," he said.

Waldo Emerson "Dode" McIntosh was the great-grandson of the great Creek Chief and statesmen, William McIntosh, and the son of Albert Gallatin ("Cheesie") McIntosh and Mary Boulton McIntosh, of whom Dode is the last surviving son of the four sons born to his late parents. He was born in 1893 in Tennessee, and true to the family name, has carried on a tradition of leadership and vision for the Creek people in their government, social and religious life.

The elder McIntosh was appointed in 1961 to serve as Principal Chief of the Creeks by Stuart Udall, Secretary of the Interior. He served until 1971.

Principal Chief Claude Cox offered warm praise for his friend and supporter - "Dode is a great man - he has always been very active in federal, state and local government, as well as serving in the government of our tribe. While he was Principal Chief of the tribe, he worked for the benefit of the Creek people and he has always offered strong support in my behalf as Chief," said Chief Cox, adding "...and for 92 years old, he still gets around better than some 60 year olds!"

February 26, 1985

Dear Dode,

Happy Birthday! I truly wish I could be with you today to help celebrate your 92nd birthday. However, I'm in Washington, D.C. today as we begin work on the 99th Congress.

Your friendship and support over the years have been a great inspiration to me.

You are an outstanding citizen of our community and the entire State of Oklahoma. For this we are fortunate.

I'm hoping you have a wonderful day and I look forward to seeing you soon.

With Best Wishes,
Sincerely,
James R. Jones,
Member of Congress

Felix Haynes Honored On 40th Birthday

Felix Haynes,Okmulgee, was honored on his 40th birthday February 21, with a dinner held in his honor at his home. The party was given by Haynes wife, Gloria, and his children.

Attending were many friends, family, and relatives. Haynes is a Sunday School teacher of young adults at the First Indian Baptist Church in Okmulgee and is active in church events. He also visiting with many area churches, sharing his testimony.

Haynes is the son of Annie Haynes of Okmulgee and the late Jay Haynes. He is the nephew of Rev. Roley Haynes.

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Creek Princess '85 Pageant Scheduled

Applications are available for contestants to enter the 1985 Creek Princess Pageant. The pageant is scheduled May 3, 7:00 p.m. in the Mound Auditorium. A reception will be held May 2 in the Executive Bldg. Dining Hall at 7:00 p.m. During the reception they will be judged on Personality and poise. The next evening, during the pageant, the contestants will be judged on talent and traditional dress. Deadline for submiting applications is April 27. Those entering must supply their own escorts and talent props.

Requirements for the contestants include: Applicant must be at least 1/4 Creek between the ages of 16-22, and enrolled with the Creek Tribe. She must never have been married or have children. Applicants will be juniors in high school to juniors in college.

The Creek Nation Princess will receive a $500 scholarship and a $300 check. The First runner-up will receive a check for $200 and the Second runner-up will receive a $100 check.

For more information contact Steve Wilson at 756-8700, ex. 300; Anita Tecumseh, ex. 327; Rachael Thomas, ex. 244; Bernice Hale, ex. 227 or Lane Morgan, ex. 327.

Cn Softball Tournament Scheduled June 14-16

A Softball Tournament is scheduled in conjunction with the Creek Nation Rodeo, June 14-16 at the new Creek All-Sports Omniplex.Teams are being accepted; Women's Slow-Pitch,32 teams (Open) and Men's Fast-Pitch, 48 all-Indian teams. For information, contact Steve Wilson at Creek Nation, 756-8700, ex. 300.

NAIAA Championship Run Set At Fountainhead

The North American Indian Athletic Assoication has announced their 10K, 5K and 3K Championship Run for 1985. The Run will be held at the Fountainhead State Park in Eufaula, Ok. Runners DO NOT have to be members of th NAIAA nor do they have to be Indian. This Run is open to all runners. Teams and individual runners may register up to 9:00 a.m. on the day of the run, March 30, 1985. Age groups are: 14 and under,, 15 to 19, 20 to 28, 29 to 35, 36 to 42, 43 to 50 and up. The awards are: NAIAA T-Shirts to all participants. Championship Runner in each Division will receive a Gold Medal and Trophy, the Runner-up in each Division will receive a Silver Medal and Trophy, the Third Place Runner in each division will receive a Bronze Medal and Trophy. For more information on the Run, call NAIAA offices at (918) 267-4674 or (918) 267-4015 or write NAIAA Post Office Box 450 Beggs, Oklahoma 74421. Registration fee will be eight dollars per Runner.

Umpire Clinic Reset. . .

An Umpire Clinic will be rescheduled contingent upon acquiring a pre-enrollment of 15 to 20 participants. The date and time of the rescheduled clinic will be announced at a later date. To pre-enroll, contact Steve Wilson, Creek Nation, 756-8700, ex. 300.

—Photo By Elliot Barnett

SPRINGTIME HAS COME TO THE NATION, heralded by warm, balmy weather, spring showers, and of course, wild onions. Hepsey Gilroy, CN Arts and Crafts, is shown gathering these hardy plants, which were once native to Canada, and which are now found growing profusely in the spring in this area. Renowned among area folks for their delicious flavor - Wild Onion Dinners are an annual rite of Spring here, particularly for Creek churches.

Wild Onion Dinner Memorial To Freemans

The Creek Council House Museum will be sponsoring their Annual Wild Onion Feast on April 25. This year's Wild Onion Feast is in Memorial to Jess and Margaret Freeman. Jess served on the Creek Indian Memorial Association Board of Trustees and Margaret worked at the Creek Council House Museum Gift Shop for many years before their deaths. The Wild Onion Feast is a Benefit Dinner to raise funds for ongoing projects and exhibitions at the Museum. The Dinner will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 8th and Seminole from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. Tickets are available at the Museum or from any CIMA Board Member.

Adult tickets are $5 and children under 12 are $2. We hope you will all come and enjoy a Feast of Traditional Indian foods and support your local Museum at the same time. Food donation pledges are being accepted at the Museum at this time.

Thlopthlocco Schedules Annual Wild Onion Dinner

A Wild Onion Dinner slated "The Granddaddy of Them All" is scheduled Saturday, March 30, 3:30-8:00 p.m. at Thlopthlocco United Methodist Church. Adults - $4, children under 12 - $2. Gospel Singing throughout the afernoon and evening. Thlopthlocco is located between Okemah and Wetumka, Hgwy. 27. Tickets available at the door. Everyone is invited!

Seneca Indian School Reunion Set June 1

The 17th Seneca Indian School Alumni and former students annual reunion is to be held on June 1, 1985 in Tahlequah, Okla. For more information contact Lura Starr Grayson 1-918-838-7070, Tulsa, Ok.

Richard Conner Benefit Scheduled At Weleetka

A Richard Conner Benefit Food Sale and Bingo is scheduled beginning at noon, Saturday, March 23 at the Weleetka Indian Center. Donations will be appreciated. Richard was left paralyzed from the chest down in an accident last September. **(See story on page 3.)**

NOTE OF THANKS

Elouise Beaver, wife of Spy Beaver, wishes to extend her gratitude to everyone who paid their respects to the death of her husband,

Creek Nation Housing Authority PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given by the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma to all tribal members that have been approved for consideration for the Mutual Help Home Ownership Program, as of March 1, 1985, that fifty (50) scattered sites for housing construction are being requested. If you have been approved for you have been approved for consideration and know of property suitable to build on and for sale, please notify Ann Hancock, Production Clerk, at the Housing Authority and give the property owners name and telephone number.

Please be made aware that should you locate property for sale, this "DOES NOT GUARANTEE" that a house will be built for you. All applicants must be recertified to prove eligibility for consideration.

The Housing Authority may be contacted by calling 918/756-8504, or write the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma, P.O. Box 297, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Indian Health Care Legislation Sought By Senator Bingaman

Pointing out that Indians have a lower health status than the general U.S. population, Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) testified March 6 before the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs in support of S400, his Indian Health promotion legislation.

The main purpose of the Bingaman amendments is to make Indian health promotion and disease prevention a priority within the Indian Health Service (IHS).

He told the Select Committee: "As you know, there is no comprehensive national strategy for Indian Health promotion, and any efforts now underway are piecemeal at best. Also, information about the prevention needs of tribes is lacking, with no clear plan as to how to reduce the health risks of Indian people."

While primary health care is critically important in dealing with Indian health, "we need also to be looking into the future and establishing long-term goals of how we will improve the health of American Indians, he states.

Bingaman's amendments would continue the Community Health Representative Program (CHR), but "with a new perspective." He said that "quality training and a rigorous curriculum would be developed with an emphasis on the theoretical and practical experience of health care and prevention, with instruction in the most effective social, educational, an behavioral approaches to good health maintenance."

Continuing education would also be emphasized, as well as a system to evaluate and review the CHR program. Traditional health care practices and cultural values would be taken into account and, if appropriate, incorporated into a tribe's program.

Bingaman's amendments also call for devleopment of a health promotion and disease prevention policy for American Indians, and establishment of health promotion and disease prevention services within the IHS. Health promotion strategies would embrace efforts to help Indians stop smoking, reduce alcohol intake, control accidental injuries and infectious diseases, and reduce infant mortality.

Bingaman's plan also calls on the IHS to draft a comprehensive plan for health promotion and disease prevention services. And it eventually envisions a demonstration project to serve as a model for health promotion.

The amendments call for no immediate allocation of new funding, but do call for a shift of emphasis in certain IHS priorities.

Creek Woman Named B.I.A. Superintendent

Mrs. Julia M. Langan, a member of the Creek Tribe of Oklahoma, and one of only a few women to have been appointed to Agency Superintendent positions, has been appointed to head the Horton Agency in Horton, Kansas.

Langan has worked for the U.S Railroad Retirement System; the Social Security Administration; the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Employment Assistance; Housing and Urban Development (Office of Indian Programs) and now back to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

A graduate of Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas, and Cuyahogan Community College in Cleveland, Ohio, Julia was the Director of the Community Planning and Development Office for HUD in Denver prior to her new assignment. She is a graduate of Bearden High School in Bearden, OK,class of 1959. She is the daughter of Nora Cheek and the granddaughter of Susie Foster from Okemah.

Superintendent Langan will report to the Horton Agency in February to begin her new duties. The Horton Agency is one of five under the jurisdiction of the Anadarko Area Office in Anadarko, OK. It serves four tribes - the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribe of Kansas, the Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas.

Of her appointment, Mrs. Langan commented, "I am very glad to have selected to serve as Superintendent of the Horton Agency and I look forward to having open communication with the tribes and to working with them."

Higher Ed Student Recognized Makes Dean's Honor Roll List

Creek Higher Ed student David Shirley, has been named to the Membership of the Dean's Honor Roll at Seminole Junior College with a grade point average of 3.54.

David is majoring in Law Enforcement.

David is the son of Mrs. Lucille Gibson of Bartlesville, OK and he resides at Rt. 2, Wewoka, Ok. He and his sister, Karen Sue Shurley commute to Seminole Jr. College daily. The Shurleys are twins.

Karen Sue is majoring in journalism and photography and at present is the Copy Editor of the Seminole Jr. College News. David and Karen are very grateful to the Higher Education Department of the Creek Nation for their aid in securing their schooling.

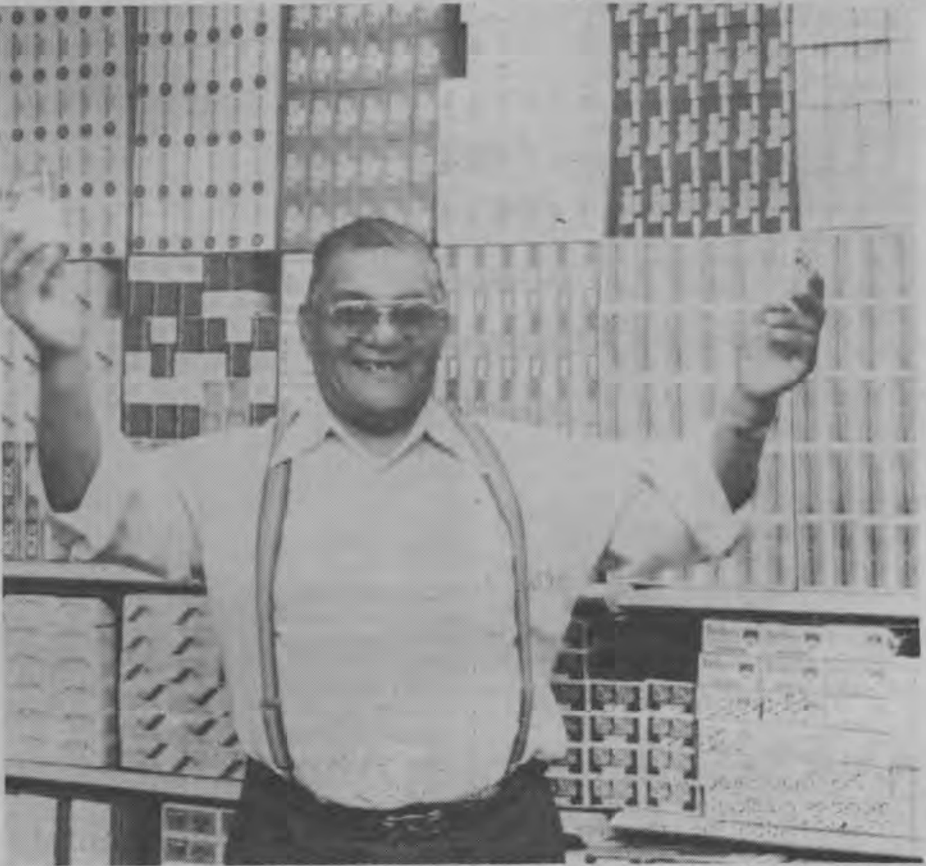
Chippewa Wins Critics Award

"Love Medicine," a first novel by Louise Erdrich, a Turtle Mountain Chippewa, won the 10th Annual National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction. The novel is about two families on the Turtle Mountain Reservation in North Dakota. Erdrich received the award January 31.

The Newsletter of the American Indian Registry for the Performing Arts noted that her prize was the first major award to an American Indian author since N. Scott Momaday won the Pulitzer Prize for his 1969 novel, "House Made of Dawn." Erdrich's husband, Michael Dorris heads the Native American Studies program at Dartmouth College in New Jersey.

Digby Diehl of the Los Angeles Herald Examiner wrote of "Love Medicine," "The unusual subject matter of contemporary American Indian life is appealing, and Erdrich has written skillfully about this subject with compelling emotional intensity."

Okmulgee Indian Community Opens Smoke Shop March 8!



Felix Brown, volunteer worker, in the O.I.C. Smoke Shop is shown displaying all major brand cigaretts the Smoke Shop has for sale. The shope is located in Okmulgee Indian Center across the street from the Tribal Complex in the CN Elderly Housing Units. It is open Monday through Friday, 12 Noon til 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. til 2:00 p.m. Terms are 'CASH ONLY'. Cigarettes sell for $7.75 a carton or 85¢ a package. Everyone is welcome to buy at this rate.

Richard Conner 'Back To School' Fund Initiated By Communication Center

By Helen Chalakee

Special preparation, training and therapy are crucial in the life of 16 year-old Creek quadriplegic Richard Conner.

Last year, Richard was the most promising athlete at Glenpool High School. This year, because of a horrifying accident which left him paralyzed from his chest down, Richard's dreams are in another direction. He wants to finish his education at Glenpool High . . .And he can, if enough people care to help.

Currently Richard is in the Hillcrest Rehabilitation Center at Tulsa. Before he can live at home permanently, his house must be modified to meet his very special needs.

Doors must be widened. The bathroom must be enlarged. Safty rails and grab bars must be installed throughout and his bedroom must be enlarged to accomodate a prescribed waveless waterbed which will enable him to rest longer periods of time without being turned.

Richard's wheelchair alone costs $1,800; his bed $1,500; and a wheelchair lift to get him in and out of a van is $5,000. Another costly little item is a cushion for his chair at $300. An absolute necessary item is an Electronic Muscle Stimulator which sells for an even $1,000.

All this equipment and many more smaller items are necessary for Richard to live independent of the Rehab Center.

The Creek Communication Center has initiated a fund raising project for Richard. Anyone wishing to contribute can do so by sending donations to us at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447. We will see that Richard receives the donations immediately. For more information contact Helen Chalakee, 918/756-8700, extension 326.

CN Elderly Nutrition Slates Easter Dinner

The Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program will have it's Annual Easter Dinner at each of the five Elderly Nutrition Program sites (Okmulgee, Weleetka, Wetumka, Dewar and Coweta) during the month of April.

The Okmulgee Elderly Nutrition Easter Dinner will be held April 4 in the Complex Dining Room. The "Chickasaw Cats" kitchen band will be featured on the program, which will start at 10:30 A.M. in the Mound Building. The Cherokee Nation Elderly have been invited to attend as honored guests, according to Steve Wilson, Manager of the Elderly Nutrition Program.

The Coweta and Weleetka Elderly Nutrition programs will have their Easter Dinner Thursday, April 4.

The Dewar Elderly Nutrition Program will hold it's Easter Dinner on Wednesday, April 3rd, and the Wetumka Elderly Nutrition program will hold their Dinner on Tuesday, April 2.

Everyone is invited to attend the Dinners at the various nutrition sites within Creek Nation.

GARY LANGSTON, CORRECTIONS OFFICER, THANKS CHIEF COX for the assistance that the Creek Nation JTPA Program provided that enabled him to complete training as a Corrections Officer and subsequently, to take the State Merit Test for the position. Langston, Creek, said, "I would like to thank Chief Cox, Creek Nation JPTA and Chubby Anderson for the help I received to get my training." Langston is employed with the John H. Lilly Corrections Center in Boley, OK and is a resident of Weleetka.

AAIP Schedules 14th Annual Meeting

The Association of American Indian Physician's (AAIP) Meeting will be held August 13-16, 1985, at the Marriott's Shadows Resort in Scottsdale, Arizona. The AAIP is happy to announce that Senator Barry Goldwater will be delivering the keynote address at this year's meeting.

The theme of the meeting will be "Health Care Policy Trends for American Indian People". The conference is open to the public. Everyone is invited. Registration will be from 9:00a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 13; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 14; and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 15 The program will begin at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 14, with various speakers.

Registration fees are: $40 for physicians; $25 for physician assistants and nurses; and $15 for the general public. A discount of $5 will be allowed on all pre-registrants. Pre-registration will be accepted in the AAIP office no later than Friday, July 19, 1985. CME credits will be given for physicians, physician assistants and nurses. Booth space is available for exihibits.

The AAIP has reserved a block of rooms at the Mountain Shadows Resort, 5641 E. Lincoln Dr. Scottsdale, Arizona 85253, (602) 948-7111. The number of rooms is limited and reservations are on a first come, first served basis. When making reservations, please identify yourself as a conference participant to receive special rates of $49 single or double, plus tax. The hotel does require a deposit of the first night's stay at least 15 days in advance.

For further information, please contact the AAIP at 6805 South Western, Suite 504, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73139, or call (405) 631-0447.

Choctaw Selected Outstanding Businessperson

W.E. "Chuck" Wilson (Choctaw) has been named the Outstanding Indian Businessperson of the Year by the National Council for Indian Business. Mr. Wilson, Vice-President/Treasurer of Red Eagle Construction Company of Crowley, Texas, was honored for his personal and business achievements. In addition to his efforts to make Red Eagle more profitable, Mr. Wilson has been instrumental in aiding other Indian owned firms through sub-contracts. This has provided a role model for other Indian businesses as well as much-needed opportunities for smaller enterprises.

The honor was bestowed on Mr. Wilson by Gregory W. Frazier, President-Chairman of the National Council for Indian business, in Las Vegas, Nevada during awards banquet held at the 1985 Indian Business Development Conference. Upon receiving the award, Mr. Wilson stated that he accepted it "not only for myself, but on behalf of the Company and my brother," who was instrumental in forming Red Eagle.

Mr. Wilson was educated at Wesleyan University, Southern Methodist University and the University of Oklahoma. Prior to his involvement with Red Eagle, Mr. Wilson spent 18 years in the banking industry.

Red Eagle Construction Company was founded by Mr. Wilson and his brother, Clarke, in 1977. The firm is 100% Indian owned and is a Small Business Administration 8A certified company. The firm is currently involved in several highway construction projects in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

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Indian Fashions Shown in Denver

The nations top American Indian fashion and accessory designers will premier together in Denver on March 25, 1985, at the Lawrence C. Phipps Memorial Conference Center Tennis House.

Emphasis will be late evening and formal wear, many of the pieces, one-of-a-kind originals, will be sold by silent auction at the show.

Proceeds from the show will be shared by the Native American Indian Communication Foundation, Inc. and the Patten Institute for the Arts, Inc. both non-profits based in Denver.

Among the invited guests in attendance will be the reigning Miss Indian America, Ms. Anna L. Willie of Schurz, NV.

A champagne reception for guests and designers will follow the show and sale. Music will be provided by the Patten Institute for the Arts, Inc.

Tickets are $20. and seating is limited. Details and ticket information may be requested from Path of the Sun Images, 3020 Lowell Blvd., Denver, Co. 80211 (303) 477-8442.

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By Jay Cronley - "My sentiments exactly Jay", Helen Chalakee

It Takes More Than A Disaster To Postpone A Bingo Game

The Creeks know how to run a floating bingo game.

Despite four feet of water over parts of the main road in, there was some action at the bingo hall last Friday night, same as always.

To get to the Creek arena, which is just east of the river near 81st, you have to double back at the dip in the road where water was as high as your hood ornament and make a loop through an apartment complex or two.

Had the secondary route been submerged, everybody would have parked on a high spot and dog-paddled the rest of the way.

It takes more than a disaster to postpone a big-time bingo game.

The Creek bingo hall is no joint, it's more like a big cafeteria.

You park in a bright lot surrounded by security guards, then buy a packet at the door that entitles you to around four hours of bingo.

These packets cost $20 or $30 and contain bingo cards and rules.

If you get regular bingo on a $20 card, you win $200. If you get a regular bingo on a $30 card, you win $400.

In other words, for an investment of 50 percent more, you can win an extra 100 percent, which makes perfect sense, unless you don't bingo, in which case you have just thrown $10 more down the drain. But it's a well-scrubbed drain. Attendants keep the whole place spotless.

If you're too shy to say Bingo, which is about as shy as you can get, all you have to do is raise your hand. If you have covered your card correctly, an attendant will bring you a slip worth cash.

Trying to cover all four cards that come in the packet is no cinch. After several hours, numbers blur together. Also, the exotic games are a little hard to understand the first time around.

If you fail to cover a number on your card, or have to ask how the Crazy T game is played, experienced players are apt to pack up their tents and move to a luckier table.

Experienced bingo players are superstitious. Sitting next to a clown is unlucky.

You worry about making a mistake, so there is a tendency to double-check all the numbers you've covered against the tote board, which causes you to fall two or three numbers behind the caller. Which in turn makes you spill things.

About all the Creeks could do better is rope off an area where beginners could sit and mumble to themselves and dump coffee on each other.

We didn't win anything officially, but might have won a few grand without even knowing it.

Brad Pemberton

Creek Athlete Receives MVP Baseball Award

Brad Pemberton, Creek athlete, has capped off his senior year at Tascossa High School, Amarillo, TX, with outstanding baseball honors. Among them; Most Valuable Player at his High School, All-City Player(Third Base), All-District 3-5A (Third Base), and Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Most Valuable Player.

During his senior year last year, Pemberton was praised by district coaches as "an excellent player." Pemberton made the 1984 Globe-News 3-5A All-District Baseball team, with a batting record of .485 and had 24 RBI's, which earned him the only spot in the Globe-News Team by an Amarillo team. His Rebel team finished with a 7-9 District record and managed a 5-4 pitching record.

A freshman at Seward County Community College in Liberal, Kansas, Pemberton was the first recipient of the Jeff Williams Memorial Scholarship at his High School.

The multi-talented 5'10", 146-pound youth plays outfield and infield and was also an outstanding football player.

The son of the late Jim Pemberton and Faith Pemberton of Amarillo, he is the grandson of the late Johnny Jacobs and Edith Jacobs of Checotah, OK.

INDIAN MARKET APPLICATIONS

White Horse Gallery is sponsoring its Fifth Colorado Indian Market in beautiful Boulder, Co. July 4 - 7. This huge, indoor event is open to both traditional and contemporary visual and performing artists.

If you are a Native American and a leader in your art form, write for application information to White Horse Gallery, 1500 28th St. Boulder, Co. 80303.

LETTER: To The Creek People

I am writing in hopes of learning a few things about the McGillivray family, of which Chief Alexander McGillivray was a part.

May I first say that I am a genealogist and not one who is searching for information to attempt to obtain any payment for having Indian blood.

I am descended from a Margaret McG McIntosh, wife of Angus McIntosh. It is my suspicion that this Margaret was a McGillivray, and a daughter of Lauchlan McGillivray, father of Chief/General Alexander McGillivray.

In researching the McGillivray family I have been unable to learn of the other children of Lauchlan McGillivray...other than Chief Alexander McGillivray...by Sehoy Marchand; or whether Lauchlan McGillivray may have had full-blooded Scottish offspring.

The daughter of Margaret and Angus McIntosh, Christian McIntosh, married John Gillis, my great grandfather, who settled in Euchee Valley in the early 1830's, from Kershaw District, South Carolina.

The McIntosh and McGillivray families are inter-married with the family of a Hugh Gillis who migrated from Kershaw, S.C. to Barbour, Alabama. The connection between these Gillises and my Gillises is not known, but kinship surmised.

The above mentioned Margaret McG McIntosh was born October 1793 on the Isle of Sky, Scotland. If this is true, then she would have been born to Lauchlan McIntosh after he returned to Scotland at the conclusion of the Revolutionary War, and after Georgia confiscated his properties. She died in October 1871 and was buried in the Euchee Valley Presbyterian Cemetery in Walton, County, Florida.

An elderly cousin, now deceased, stated that our family had Indian blood lines from Lauchlan McGillivray. At this point I have not been able to establish this as being true. If this is true, then it must come through a daughter of Lauchlan McGillivray and Sehoy Marchand, the Indian Princess of the Wind Tribe that he married. I have been unable to find any such clues.

Most Sincerely,
Clayton G. Metcalf
408 N. Rawls St.
Enterprise, Alabama 36330

Creek Girl Chosen CSU Pow Wow Princess

The First American Indian Association has chosen Terri Beaver to be the 1985 Central State University Pow-Wow Princess. The CSU Annual Spring Pow-Wow is to be held on Saturday, April 6.

Terri, 22, is 1/2 Creek, 1/2 Seminole of Okmulgee. She is the daughter of William and Blanche Beaver of Del City. She is the granddaughter of Della M. Beaver of Okmulgee, and Rev. James Yeager of Seminole.

She is a 1981 graduate of Morris High School, a 1983 graduate of Haskell Indian Junior College, and is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration.

Terri is a member of the Big Cussetah Church, the United Methodist Women's Club, attends pow-wows and enjoys sports.

Amy Freeman

Amy Freeman Elected 6th Grade Treasurer

Amy Freeman, a sixth grade student at Nieman Elementry School in Shawnee, Kansas was elected Treasurer of her class. She was also given a ten dollar award for honorable mention in the Safety poster contest sponsored by the Kansas City Power and Light Co. and the Greater Kansas City Area Safety Council. Out of 600 applicants her poster was selected for its good design and effective safety message.

Amy is the daughter of Odette Freeman, grand-daughter of Bob and Hepsey Freeman of Shawnee, Ks. and great-granddaughter of Celia Berryhill of Rt. 1 Okmulgee, Ok.

HANNA Indian Community

By Kizzie Harjo

With a joint effort by the people in the Hanna area, we will be able to buy a house for our Community Center. In order to obtain our house, the fund raising committee did a tremendous job of raising funds. For example; a basketball tournament was put on, a food sale was set for March 16, and chances are being sold on a homemade donkey design quilt. Around August during the Hanna Watermelon Festival, HIC will be sponsoring a softball tournament.

Hanna Indian Community Activity Committee has been doing a great job of getting our people together by sponsoring such activities as; a Valentine's Party, celebrating our most respected citizen, Alice Jackson on her 69th (Feb.. 15) birthday with a surprise party.

Our next get together will be Saturday, March 30, at the home of Gladys Harjo for Easter. The location of her home is 3½ miles west of Vernon. There will be a covered dish dinner and such activities as stickball, horseshoe games and an Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tribute To My Mother...

By Loretta Rundle

When I recall the days of my childhood the things I remember the most relate to my mother and her sewing.

I was raised on a farm and we had to "make do" with what we had . Mom worked on the farm and other various jobs, too.

Now days when we think of times being rough we hear of people turning to alcohol and drugs. When times were hard for us, my Mom turned to the sewing machine. Many times I have gone to sleep to the sound of Mom at her old treadle sewing machine.

Because we lived on a farm we always had an abundant supply of feed sacks and of course, you traded and matched sacks with your neighbors and the man at the feed store. When Mom became tired or depressed you could count on having a new outfit the next day. Her way of getting it all together was to sew. She made everything from pillows, quilts, coats, suits, undergarments, dresses, jeans, overalls - you name it and she could make it.

I remember during the War years, she made mattresses. Some of the most beautiful formals I have ever had were made by Mom. Not very much was spent on patterns, she would sew newspapers together, cut a hole in the middle and slip it over our heads and cut a pattern to fit. If I saw something that I liked, all I had to do was describe it to Mom and she could make it.

My Mom was born, raised and married and still lives on the old Home place. When the final decision is made for the rest, it will still be on the farm in the family burial plot. The old farm house burned a few years ago. Now Mom and Dad live in a mobile home and she now has an electric sewing machine.

Because of her poor health Mom had to retire from public work, but she still puts in eight to ten hour days and most of it at the sewing machine. Her sewing is now limited mostly to quilts. She doesn't sell her quilts because they are gifts to her relatives. Recently when she was asked about selling one, her reply was that to her it would be just like selling one of the kids.

My Mom is Creek/Cherokee and we are proud of our Indian heritage. I recently asked her to piece me an Indian quilt. She said that she didn't have a pattern - I didn't feel that this should stop her because it never had before. But our whole family was rewarded by this request. She has now completed seventeen Indian quilts and has six more quilts to cut out for the great-grandchildren.

The answer to what makes Mom extra special is that she is sixty-eight years young and she has had to rely on doing most of her work by feel. Colors give her a problem too. Mom has diabetes and has no vision in her left eye and very limited vision in the other.

Mom has numerous quilt patterns and ideas for more. When I listen to her talk I figure that she must have a schedule made out in her head that will keep her busy till she is at least one hundred and ten.

CN COUNCIL Meets March 30

Spring is Tornado Weather - Be Alert!

Spring may bring sunshine, flowers and refreshing rains, but it also can bring in devastating and life-threatening tornados. The following information may be helpful in the event of one occuring in your area. You may want to save it and post it in a convenient location in your home.

There are two conditions of tornados that you should be aware of:
Tornado Watch-Tornadoes may develop in the area.
Tornado Warning-Tornado detected, take shelter.

A normal tornado will have winds up to 300 plus MPH at it's center, moving in a counterclockwise direction. The tornado moves over the surface at 25 to 40 MPH, so therefore, a tornado should last about thirty seconds. This destructive wind is caused by the rising of hot air and the descending of cold air.

Tornadoes have three destructive forces; blowing down (same as strong wind); Explosive force-caused by the lowering of pressure outside of a building. The inside air attempts to equalize by rushing to the outside; Lifting effect-caused by the twisting effect of the wind.

When a tornado warning has been broadcast for your area, you can use your television or radio as a warning device. The following will tell you how:

1.Warm up your television set and tune in Channel 13 and darken the screen to almost black (use the brightness control).

2.Turn to Channel 2 and leave the volume control down. Your tornado device is now in operation. Lightning device is now in operation. Lightning will produce momentary white bands of varying widths across the screen (color sets produce colored bands). A tornado within 15 to 20 miles will produce a totally white screen and remain white (color on color sets). Should this occur, turn off your television set, take your portable radio and seek a place of shelter immediately.

3.In the use of a radio, use a portable one for emergency and in case of power failure. If the radio is tuned in to the 550 kilocycle band, lightning will cause intermittent static. A tornado will cause steady, continuous static.

If you are in an office or factory - go to an interior hallway or area on the lowest level. Avoid the southwest corner and all windows and outside doors of any building. In stores or shopping centers, go to the designated shelter areas or to a central protected area. **DO NOT GO TO YOUR PARKED CAR!**

In homes, open some windows, but stay away from them, take shelter in the basement or on the lowest level in a doorway or under heavy furniture in the center area of the house. Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable to overturning or destruction, and should be evacuated. Go to the other nearby shelter or low protected ground. In open country-move away from the tornado's path at a right angle. Get into a ditch or other depression if possible and you cannot get away from the tornado's path. Lie flat in the depression with your hands and arms protecting your head.

Learn the danger signs: Severe thunderstorms, thunder, lightning, heavy rains, strong winds, hail, pellets of ice from dark-colored skies, roaring noise like a hundred railroad locomotives, a crashing, thunderous sound, funnel, dark, spinning "rope" or column from the sky to the ground.

Remember, when a tornado approaches, your immediate action can save your life!

Bacone Receives Health Grant

A $15,000 grant for support to the Health Sciences Division at Bacone College has been made by the Board of Trustees of the Union Pacific Foundation.

"This grant will be used for faculty development and to improve education services for students in health sciences program," said Dr. Ken Collins, director of development at the college.

The Health Sciences Division at Bacone offers associate degree programs in registered nursing and radiologic technology. In the 20-year history of the nursing program, 645 nursing majors have graduated, according to Billie Tower, chairperson of the Health Sciences Division.

The radiologic technology program, which was started in 1983, graduated it's first class last August.

According to Tower, most of the graduates from Bacone's health sciences programs select careers in health care facilities in northeastern Oklahoma.

This semester, the majority of health sciences majors at Bacone, are from northeastern Oklahoma communities, with the largest number of students coming from Muskogee, Tahlequah and Fort Gibson.

Coker Places In Contest

Mrs. Jorene Coker was notified February 28, that she was the third place winner in the Haskell Institute's Centennial Playwriting Contest. Her play "The Maturing of Hailey Powell" was her first effort to produce a literary work. Coker's play was the first to be presented during Haskell's Centennial Celebration and was performed in October, 1984.

Pat Melody, Thunderbird Theatre, Haskell Institute, advised Mrs. Coker of her award and stated her play was well received during it's performance.

Creek Named Teacher of Year

Ms. Imogene Wilkinson was named "Teacher of the Month" of the Lawton Jr. High Schools. She was presented an Award of Commendation for her achievement. Ms. Wilkinson teaches English and Speech at MacArthur Jr. High School in Lawton,OK. She is the sister of Jorene Coker of Okmulgee.

Muscogee National Council Approved February Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Speaker Carney Roberts

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with sixteen members attending this meeting of Thursday February 7, 1985 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mound Building. It was considered that all business transacted during this session would be valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: (A BILL) (2-A) A BILL AMENDING TRIBAL ORDNINACE NCA 85-03 WHICH AUTHORIZES THE SUBMISSION OF BIDS" FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BUILDING. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Trial Ordinance NCA 85-03 is hereby amended at Section 102 by deleting the following phrases: "and shall be established by Ordinance" The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Larry Bible to approve the Bill a read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken voting results were: thirteen in favor, no abstentions, and two against those against were: Fox and Thomas. Motion carried, BILL (2-A) was approved and will be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: A BILL (2-B) (2-C) (2-D) (2-E)

The Chair entertained a motion to place the above BILLS on the Agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Burden to place the "BILLS" on the agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Bills (2-B) (2-C) (2-D) and (2-E) were placed on the agenda for consideration by the National Council.

(2-B) A BILL AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 640 ACRES OF LAND FOR THE MUSCOGEE NATION. The BILL was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands (640 acres more or less) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "Section 27, Township 14N, Range 13E in Okmulgee District of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation": **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend $1,000 per acres (one thousand dollars per acre) (more or less) plus actual cost of closing the transaction all from Docket 21 or 276, for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. **Section 103 The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title: The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act".** The Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Beaver to approve BILL "2-B" as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, no abstentions and two against. Those against were: McIntosh and Fox. Motion carried. A "Bill 2-B" was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

(2-C) A Bill authorizing the purchase of 3.73 acres for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands (3.73 acres more or less) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "The East 583.64 feet of the south 586 of the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 31-TL4N-R13E less highway easements in Okmulgee Districts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend $100,000 (one-hundred thousand dollars) more or less plus actual cost of closing the transaction, all from Docket 21 or 276, for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. **Section 103.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title: The United States of America in trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act". The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hardridge and seconded by Bible to approve BILL (2-C). Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, no abstentions and three against, those against were: Fox, Cleghorn and McIntosh. Motion carried, Bill (2-C) was approved and will be recorded as such.

(2-D) A Bill authorizing the purchase of eighty acres for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (The west half of the SE/4 of S28,T14N R13). Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands (80 acres more or less) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "The West half of Southeast quarter (W/2 SE/4) of Section 28, Township 14 North, Range 13 East, in Okmulgee District of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend $1,000 per acre (more or less) plus actual cost of closing the transaction, all from Docket 21 or 276, for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. **Section 103.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title: "The United States of America in trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act." The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Thomas to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, no abstentions and three against, those against were: McIntosh, Fox and Cleghorn. Motion carried Bill (2-D) was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

(2-D) A Bill authorizing the purchase of eight acres of land ofr the Creek Nation. (East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 28, T14N, R13E). Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands (80 acres more or less) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "The East half of the Southeast quarter (E/2 SE/4) of Section 28, Township 14N Range 13 East, in Okmulgee District of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend $1,000 (one thousand dollars) more or less plus actual cost of closing the transaction, all from Docket 21 or 276, for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. **Section 103.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following titles: "The United States of America in trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act." The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Beaver to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, no abstentions, and three against, those against were: McIntosh, Fox and Cleghorn. Motion carried, Bill 2-E will be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

ANNOUNCEMENTS: reports, etc; none

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunson to adjourn from this meeting. Upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

OBITUARIES

DORIS MARIE RAMIREZ

Funeral service for Doris Marie Ramirez, 39, of Henryetta were held March 1. at the Hickory Ground No. 1 Church with Rev. Roley Haynes officiating the service.

Mrs. Ramirez was born May 15, 1945 and died Tuesday in Henryetta. She was a nurse's aide at Bono's Nursing Home.

She is survived by two daughters Leticia and Delilah Ramirez of the home; two sons Gabriel and Billy Jack of the home; four sisters Lavina Nye of Henryetta, Elizabeth Murphy of Henryetta, Amelia Gambler of Henryetta and Carmelieta Gambler of Henryetta; two brothers Billy Gambler of New Mexico, and Wallace Gambler Jr. of Henryetta.

JEFF BERRYHILL

Jeff Berryhill, 76 of Okmulgee, passed away March 9, at the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. He was born February 24, 1909 in Okmulgee and has lived his entire life in this area.

Mr. Berryhill was a retired galss worker of 24 years with ASG and was married to Marjorie Belvin in 1935 in Okmulgee. He is preceded in death by one daughter, Mona Berryhill in 1977. He was an elder in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Berryhill, of the home, two daughters, Pat Bohannon of Delrey Beach, Fa. and Pam Dickinson of Okmulgee; one brother, Richard Berryhill of Alameda, Ca.; two sisters, Peggy King of Okmulgee, and Mohala Chalakee of Okmulgee; nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held March 13, at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel in Okmulgee. Bishop L.M. Baxtor Jr. officiated the service. Pallbearers were the elders of the Church, A.G. Ross Jr., John Lamkin, George Fozzard, J.B. Ross, David Lamb, and Tom Lamb.

JIMMY MARSHALL

Funeral service were held for Jimmy J. Marshall, 77 of Mounds on February 14.

Survivors include his wife, Emma, one daughter Joyce Ann Ham of Mounds, and Jeff Marshall of Tulsa. Jimmy was a member of Snake Creek Baptist Church No. 1

The service was held at Bixby Freewill Baptist Church.

BOBBY GLEN GIBSON

The Rev. Jonas Partridge and the Rev. Roy Bigpond conducted funeral services in the Bixby Freewill Baptist Church on March 12 for Bobby Glen Gibson who died March 10 He was 47.

Mr. Gibson was a member of the Snake Creek Indian Baptist Church and had served on the Liberty School Board for seven years.

He was born at Sapulpa on January 6, 1938. His parents wer Roy "Blue" and Ruth Gibson Brown Gibson.

Surviving are one son, Jimmy Gibson and two daugthers Regina Gibson and Bobbie Gibson, all of Liberty; his mother of Rt. 1 Mounds; two sisters, Lahoma Holloway of Tulsa and Shirley Medlock of Glenpool; one brother, Bill Gibson of Mounds and two grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

A MEMORIAL:

Louis Buckley, Sr.

Louis Buckley, Sr., passed away March 16, 1983 at the Veteran's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 62.

Mr. Buckley was born April 10, 1921 in Wetumka, Ok to the late Rufus and Gussie Coachman Buckley. He was raised on the banks of the North Canadian River between Wetumka and Weleetka, Ok. He married Delia Albert on April 2, 1940 in Holdenville. They have nine children; Louis Wayne Buckley, Jr., deceased; Alan Buckley of Oklahoma City, Chowella Buckley, Oklahoma City, Mary Louise Hobia, Oklahoma City, Bella Mae Williams, Nick E. Buckley, Wilmington, North Carolina, Tsiannina Hounarmond, Moore, Bernice Buckley and Harry L. Buckley of the home.

After raising nine children, the Buckley's also raised four orphan grandchildren; Raymond, Dawna, Gerald and Christopher Buckley of the home, and one adopted daughter, Mary Felix and one adopted granddaughter, Oshee Endaga.

Surviving also are 27 grandchildren.

Mr. Buckley served with the Armed Forces in the Pacific Theater from 1942-1944.

Louis and his family moved to Oklahoma City in 1949.

Mr. Buckley's education was very limited but his family reported that faith was with him and he was hired by Black Savall & Bryson Co. as a sweeper. He then worked his way up to become Automatic X-Ray Welder and with his skill, he taught other young men. His family reported that although he had very little education, he provided for his family - he left them secure with a paid for home at his death. He was an example to the youth that Indians can accomplish many things if they have the desire and will to do it.

Mr. Buckley and his wife never moved their membership from Sand Creek Indian Baptist Church. They traveled from Oklahoma City to Sand Creek every fourth and eighth Sunday.

Mr. Buckley was baptized in 1943 by the late Rev. Dan Beaver, and was ordained Deacon in 1967 by the late Rev. James Roberts, the late Rev. Simon Severs and Rev. Gene Harjo.

Mr. Buckley served as Deacon at Sand Creek Church from 1971 to 1976. He had to retire due to his illness, from which he never recovered. His illness lasted for 23 years and he was on a dialysis machine for eight years.

Mr. Buckley's request was that Pastor Charlie Fish of the Sand Creek Church and Re . Sam Haney officiate at his funeral.

Pallbearers at his funeral were; Fred Beaver, Archie Hotalke, Waxie Yargee, George Bunny, J.B. Fish, Mose R. Anderson and Wilburn Hobia.

The songs requested were; "How Great Thou Art" and "Jesus Micco Great Thou Art" - "Jesus The King Lives in Heaven."

Louis's legs were both amputated and his hand and he was blind, but he kept his faith to the end. He has left relatives and a host of friends.

He is now resting in Sand Creek Indian Baptist Church Cemetery.

We want to thank everyone for the many prayers, telephone calls, and all home visits that were made during his long illness.

He would remind us that prayers were being made for him because he could feel them.

Thank You,
Delia A. Buckley

Creek Council House Exhibits Indian Arts

The Creek Council House Museum has on exhibition "A Celebration of Tribes," an exhibit from the Institute of American Indian Arts Museum in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This exhibit contains 56 paintings and 18 sculptures and pottery pieces. We hope you will come to the Museum and view this fine exhibit while it is here. All of the pieces in this show are done by students and alumni of the Institute of American Indian Arts which is a college program for Native American students from all over the United States and Alaska. It is very interesting the note the styles and techniques that the students are using to depict their cultures on canvas and three dimensional form. This exhibit was sponsored by a local Okmulgee resident who wanted to give Okmulgee and the surrounding communities an opportunity to see the Fine Art that Native American Art has developed.

Denver Pow Wow Set March 22-24

The annual Denver March Pow-Wow will be March 22-24, 1985 in a new location, the Denver Coliseum. The city facility is located on the south side of Interstate 70 at Humbolt St. Parking in the Coliseum lots will be free.

Head dancers for 1985 are: John Emhoolah Jr. (Kiowa) or Carnegie, Ok; Cracie Redshirt Tyon (Oglala/Lakota) of Denver, Co.; Wilma Big Medicine (Cheyenne/Arapaho) of Bell Gardens, CA.; and Peter Sherwood (Arikara/Navajo) of Denver, CO.

Miss Indian America, Anna L. Willie (Apache/Paiute) of Schurz, NV. will be in attendance as will Miss Indian Colorado, Patricia Sue Wilson (N&S. Cheyenne) of Denver, Co. and March Powwow Princess Vickie Petago (Jicarilla Apache) and Rowena Vigil (Jicarilla Apache) both of Dulce, N.M.

Master of Ceremonies will be Wallace Coffee (Comanche) of Lincoln, NE and Henry Green Crow (Winnebago) of St. Paul, MN.

Arena Directors for the week end are Fred Stands (Oglala/Lakota) of Oglala, SD. and Ted Cleveland (Kiowa) of Denver, Co.

Prize money for 1985 is more than $8,000. and all registered drums will be paid.

Admission this year is $2. per day for everyone except under 6 and over 60. Booths are available for artists, craftspersons and traders.

The three day powwow will be the culmination of a week long Native American Celebration in Denver proclaimed by *Mayor Fedrico Pena*, honary Co-Chairman of the committee.

Executive Committee for 1985 are: Mike Toineeta (Otoe/Cherokee) (303) 426-5763 and David Lee (Navajo) (303) 393-7773, Co-Chairmen, John Chingman (Shoshone) (303) 477-8442, Treasurer, and Cecilia Nicholas (Navajo) (303) 659-8988, secretary.

Contact March Powwow Committee, Box 19178, Denver, Co. 80219. Powwow is funded in part by the Commission on Cultural Affairs, an agency of the City and County of Denver, and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.

GREETINGS FROM MORNING STAR--

During the month of February we were busy with several events. On different occassions we were blessed to hold services for the saints at the John H. Lilly Correctional Center and at Oklahoma State Prison at McAlester. We had a joyous time during the praise and worship services as the Holy Spirit ministered to everyone.

Our 2nd Music Festival was held on February 16 at the Creek Nation Mound. We would like to thank the following people for giving their time and talent to share the Gospel, the Gospel-Lites, Sounds of Joy, Cedar Tree Four, Leon Staggers, Leslie Haynes, Mary Fish, Ivory Thompson, J.B Dreadfulwater, Flaming Sword, and the Morning Star Singers. We also extend our thanks to the Creek Nation Security and Creek Nation Facilities for their cooperation in making this event enjoyable.

During the intermission, a slide presentation was shown by President Negiel Bigpond, explaining the work that Morning Star does and the places that we have been. The thrust of our ministry is toward the youth and those who are in correctional institutes.

In closing we would like to share this scripture from Psalms 116:1-5, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications." "Because he inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." "The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of hell gat hold upon me; I found trouble and sorrow." "Then called I upon the name of the LORD; O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul." "Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful."

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Approval of Minutes: November 13, 1984 Meeting. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of the November 13, 1984 Regular Scheduled meeting of the National Council. A motion was made by Delbert Dunn and seconded by Bill Burden to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and will be recorded as such.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: A BILL (s)

12-A. A Bill Confirming the Nomination by the Principal Chief of Willard Pittman to Serve as a Supreme Court Judge. Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Willard Pittman enrolled citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve as a member of the Supreme Court is hereby confirmed. **Section 102** Willard Pittman shall serve the unexpired term of Mitchell Chouteau who is serving a five year term with his term of office expiring June 30, 1986. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bible to approve the "BILL" as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried and will be recorded as such.

12-B. A BILL CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF OF CHINUBBIE McINTOSH TO SERVE AS A DISTRICT COURT JUDGE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION. Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Chinubbie McIntosh an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to serve as a District Judge of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** Chinnubbie McIntosh shall serve a one year term of office effective date shall begin with the signing of this Ordinance. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunn to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, one against and no abstentions. McIntosh voting no. Motion carried, BILL 12-B will be recorded as such.

(1-C) A BILL ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that according to Article VI, Section 5(b) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation: "The Muscogee (Creek) National Council, shall choose its own Secretary whose compensation shall be provided by Ordinance". The National Council finds that the Compensation of the Secretary of the National Council is estbalished by NCA 81-24 and NCA 82-70. Furthermore, the National Council finds that amendments to NCA 81-24 providing for a salary increase for the secretary are no longer consistent with the Personnel Policies of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** Repeal. Therefore, NCA 81-24, all amendments to NCA 81-24 and NCA 82-70 are hereby repealed. **Section 103.** Compensation. The salary of the Secretary to the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be payable from tribal funds or other available funds. The salary increase of the Secretary of the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is hereby established according to the "Salary and Wage Schedules" of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The criteria for step increases is as follows: No increase-Non Meritorious Performance; One Step-Satisfactory Performance; Two Step-Excellent Performance; Three Step-Superior Performance. The salary of the Secretary of the National Council shall automatically increase whenever the salaries of employees of the Office of the Principal Chief are adjusted for "Cost of Living" adjustments. Said increase shall become a part of the Secretary's salary as if such were adopted by ordinance.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

(12-C). A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing a Letter of Intent and Contract for Section 401 Funds Under the Job Training Partnership Act.

(12-D). A BILL Amending NCA 84-23 to Provide for a Handicapped Children Early Education Program. The Chair entertained a motion to place Items (12-C and 12-D) on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Beaver and seconded by Chupco to place items 12-C and 12-D on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bills 12-C and 12-D were placed on the agenda for consideration as follows: The Chair entertained a discussion. "Committee Report", Beaver, Chairman of the Committee on Human Development advised the Council that the BILL in question had been to Committee and it was the recommendation of the Committee to "DO PASS". The BILL was read and considered as follows: 12-C. A BILL AUTHORIZING A LETTER OF INTENT AND CONTRACT FOR SECTION 401 FUNDS UNDER THE JOB TRAINING PARTNERSHIP ACT. Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to submit a "Letter of Intent" to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, to apply for Program Year 1985-86 funds pursuant to Section 401 of the Job Training Partnership Act. **Section 102.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-23 is hereby amended at Section 153 by adding a new paragraph, (4) as follows: Department of Labor Job Training Partnership Act, Section 401. **Section 103.** The above program having been approved by the Muscogee Nation, the Principal Chief is directed to implement said contract upon receipt according to the requirements of the Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 84-23 as amended. The Chair entertained a motion, motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunn to approve the "BILL" as read. Upon a Motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried BILL 12-C will be recorded as such.

12-D. A Bill Amending NCA 84-23 to Provide for a Handicapped Children Early Education Program. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Principal Chief is authorized to submit a proposal to the U.S. Department of Education to apply for funding for a Handicapped Childrens Early Education Program. **Section 102.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-23 is hereby amended at Section 153 by adding a new paragraph (5) as follows: Department of Education Handicapped Childrens Early Education Program **Section 103.** The above program having been approved by the Muscogee National Council, the Principal Chief is directed to implement said contract upon receipt according to the requirements of the Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 84-23 as amended. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained discussion. "Committee Report" Beaver, Chairman of the Committee on Human Development advised the Council that the BILL in question had been to Committee and it was the recommendation of the Committee to "DO PASS". The Chair entertained a motion, a motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Chupco to approve Bill 12-D as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 12-D will be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC Mr. William Foster, Gaming Commissioner gave a brief report on the Creek Nation Bingo Enterprise.

Principal Chief Cox gave a brief report on various topics.

Planning Session Date was set for Tuesday, January 15, 1985, at 6:30 p.m.

The Council was scheduled for an Executive Session in the Council Chambers beginning with the adjournment of this meeting.

Adjournment: motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to adjourn. Upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned. **Benediction: Chupco.**

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INVOCATION: Ethel Pittman

CALL TO ORDER: Speaker Carney Roberts

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with seventeen present, business transacted during this session will be considered valid and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

READING OF MINUTES: NONE

STATE OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION: The Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation gave the State of the Nation.

ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE: Wilma Berryhill, Supreme Court Justice administered the oath of office to Chinnubbie McIntosh, District Court Judge and Willard Pittman Supreme Court Judge of the Muscogee Nation.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

1. OLD BUSINESS: NONE

2. NEW BUSINESS: AS FOLLOWS.

(1-A) A BILL Repealing Ordinance NCA 84-39 entitled Approving and Exchange of Easement and Right of way between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Riverbend Development Associates; and NCA 84-53 entitled Amending NCA-84-39 to Enlarge the Dimensions of Drainage Ditch Easement. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that the easement and right of way between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Riverbend Development Associates authorized by NCA 84-39 and as amended by NCA 84-53 have not been carried out as planned due to an impasse between Creek Nation and Riverbend Development over a new easement which was not originally anticipated. **Section 102.** Repeal. Tribal Ordinances NCA 84-39 and NCA 84-53 are hereby repealed. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion, motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Burden to approve BILL 1-A as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: sixteen in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Bill 1-A was approved and will be recorded as such.

(1-B) A BILL Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation Regarding the Number of Representatives Authorized to Serve on the National Council. Section 101. Subject to the provision of Article IX of the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation, the Principal Chief shall refer to the voters of the Nation for their approval or rejection, as in the manner provided by law, the following proposed Amendment to Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation, to read as follows: Section 2: All legislative power herein shall be vest in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which consist of one (1) House with one (1) representative from each district: (a) Each representative shall be elected by a vote of the District and shall hold office for two (2) years. (b) Each representative shall be a legal resident of his district. (c) No person shall be a representative who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) and hold full citizenship. (d) The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall elect from their number a Speaker, who shall preside over the Muscogee National Council but shall have no vote unless the National Council be equally divided, and they shall choose a Second Speaker, who shall preside in absense of the Speaker. **Section 102.** The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional Amendment as set forth in Section 101 of this ordinance shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

National Council Referendum No.

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall a Constitutional Amendment amending Section 2, of Article VI of the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation by limiting the number of representatives to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council to one (1) representative from each district be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

Yes, for the Amendment

No, Against the Amendment

Section 103. If the above question is ratified by two-thirds of the voters in the election held, the Principal Chief shall submit the amendment to the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative for approval or disapproval within ninety (90) days.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunson to approve the BILL (1B) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded roll call vote was taken with the results being: four in favor, twelve against, no abstentions: those voting against were: Barnett, Fox, McIntosh, Stacy, Cloud, Burden, Bible, Hicks, Hardridge, Thomas, Cleghorn and Dunn. BILL (1-B) was NOT APPROVED AND WILL BE RECORDED AS SUCH.

Section 104. Evaluation. The Speaker of the National Council may appoint a tribal management employee to administer the Secretary of the National Council in performance of work and office duties. The Secretary shall be responsible to the Speaker and to the National Council collectively. The Speaker of the National Council shall annually evaluate the performance of the secretary of the National Council, and may recommend a salary increase which shall be consistent with the Personnel Policies of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Cloud to approve Bill (1-C) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: sixteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and will be recorded as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

BILL (1-D) A Bill authorizing the submission of a Bid for the Purchase of a building. The Chair entertained a motion to place this BILL on the Agenda for Consideration. A motion was made by Dunson ahd seconded by Burden to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, one against and no abstentions, Thomas voting No. The Bill was placed on the agenda for consideration as follows: (1-D) **Section 101.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to submit a "BID" at the same public auction for the sale of the Holdenville Community Action Building. **Section 102.** The amount of the above "BID" having been accepted by the city of Holdenville shall be payable by Tribal funds established by Ordinance. **Section 103.** Provided Creek Nation is the successful bidder for the purchase of the Holdenville Community Action Building the funds to purchase this building will be taken from Docket 21 and or Docket 276. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunson to approve BILL 1-D as read. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: ten in favor, four against, and one abstention, those voting against were: Fox, Dunn, Thomas and Cloud. Abstaining was Cleghorn. Motion carried Bill 1-D was approved and will be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC. Gary Breshears, Executive Director advised that Quarterly Reports on the various programs had been mailed prior to this meeting date and advised that management staff was in attendance to answer any questions that members of the Council may have. **ADJOURNMENT:** A unanimous vote of approval to adjourn.

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Creek Second Chief Resigns Election Set Saturday, May 25

Principal Chief Claude Cox recently received a letter of resignation from Second Chief George Miller effective immediately.

Due to the resignation, a vacancy for that office has been declared by the Chief and an election has been scheduled for May 25.

The filing dates for that office have been announced as April 29, 30, and May 1. Registration closes on May 14 and May 2 is the last day to request an absentee ballot.

To file for the office, the candidate must be a full citizen of Creek Nation and reside within the Creek Nation boundary. The filing fee is $250 to be paid by Cashier's check or money order.

To vote in this election, the voter must be registered and enrolled with the tribe.

The voting precincts are as follows; Okmulgee District-Okmulgee Precinct, Creek Tribal Complex, Highway 75 & Loop 56, Okmulgee; Henryetta Precinct-Dewar Community Center, Luella & 4th Str., Dewar; Hughes District-Holdenville Precinct, Community Center, 416 E. Poplar, Holdenville; Wetumka Precinct-Wetumka Housing Authority, 121 N. Canadian, Wetumka; Dustin Precinct, Senior Citizens Center, Dustin; Muskogee District-Muskogee Precinct, Fife Memorial Church, 901 E. Okmulgee, Muskogee; Wagoner District, Coweta Precinct, Golden Agers Center, S. Broadway, Coweta; Creek District, Bristow Precinct, Bristow Village, 700 Mutteloke Dr., Bristow; Sapulpa Precinct, Old Indian Clinic (Headstart), 520 S. Adams,

(See ELECTION Page 2)

MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA, AUDREY BARNETT, is shown visiting with Principal Chief Cox and Robert Davis, Creek Nation Treasurer, at the Five Tribes Inter-tribal Council held April 12 at Arrowhead Lodge. Miss Barnett was just recently selected for the title and Davis was recently named Creek delegate to Inter-tribal.

Tribal/State Relations HB 1199 Scheduled for Senate May 9

By Helen Chalakee

However a non-Indian perceives Indians - as a problem, a threat, a nuisance, or perhaps even intriguing - can be quickly detected by Indians themselves and this generally sets the pattern for any future relations in a pluralistic activity.

The so called "Indian Problem" has been around for many years. Endless amounts of time, planning and money have been poured into Indian affairs - and the "problem" remains. Until the Indian view is seen with a concerted interest, especially from our state and local governments, the problem will not only remain, it will expand.

Recently, Kelly Haney, a Seminole-Creek State Representative from District 28 (Seminole and Okfuskee Counties) introduced legislation calling for a government-to-government relationship between the State of Oklahoma and the 39 Oklahoma Indian tribes.

Haney has vowed to the Indian people he will stay with the legislation all the way through, making sure it is kept clean and free of anything that could be detrimental to Indian tribes.

He described the legislation as putting tribes on equal footing with the state, especially when working with state agencies. He said it could eliminate conflict that ought not to be.

"Indian tribes real relationship is with the federal government, not the state," he explained. "This legislation will mandate the State of Oklahoma to comply with the federal recognition of Indian tribal governments," he added.

Haney said other states that have made such agreements with Indian tribes are New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada and Minnesota; and through an 'Executive Order' by the Governor of the state of Wisconsin.

Haney's legislation, HB 1199, passed the House by an overwhelming 73-18 vote. Two potentially dangerous amendments concerning taxation of tribal activities and limiting Indian bingo jackpots were killed on the floor of the House.

After HB 1199 passed the House, it was double assigned in the Senate to the Senate Government Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.

On April 15, HB 1199 passed the Senate Government Committee by a narrow 4-3 vote, but not without scrutiny from the Senate Committee members. Only seven of the thirteen members were present at the hearing. Representative Haney attended the meeting in a lobbying effort for passage of the Bill.

Senator O'Conner asked Haney if passage would mean that County Sheriffs could be cross-deputized and enter into Indian land. Haney explained that if the legislation is successfully passed, that would be one area which could be worked out with individual tribes.

Senator Landis: "These tribes. . .Do they have any form of local taxation?" Sac and Fox Chairman Gaylon Franklin explained their tribal general revenue taxation system. Senator Scheulein then stated, "If we pass, we would be recognizing there are different governments within the state." At this point,-Haney replied, "That is exactly how it is now through federal recognition," and added, - "the state will only be recognizing what the federal government already does."

One unidentified senator then asked, "If this Bill passes, would all the tribes want to sell license tags?" ???? More of these type questions were tossed around by the senators.

Haney brought out a relevant point which had seemed to excape the senators. He reminded them of the 360 school districts receiving additional funding due to Indian student attendance.

Senator Giles (District 23) then asked, "Can you tell us about the race track problem in the Lawton area?" Haney answered, "We can sit down and work on that. . .when the Bill is passed. Giles then motioned to move HB 1199 into the second committee (finance) and Senator Smith seconded.

Two of the senators on the Government Committee hold districts within the Creek Nation. They are Senator Smith, Tulsa, who authored the Bill for committee and Senator Robert Miller, who is 1/2 Creek and maintains District 8 (Haskell, Muskogee, McIntosh, Okmulgee and Sequoyah Counties). Senator Miller was not in attendance at his committee hearing.

HB 1199 will go before the Senate Finance Committee May 9. Seven of the fourteen Finance Committee members have districts within the Five Tribes area. Senator Miller is also on this committee, as well as Schuelin, the one who was surprised to find out tribes are already sovereign.

Haney has worked diligently for the full passage of HB 1199. He is urging Indians to contact their Senators with phone calls, letters or petitions for passage of HB 1199. Haney said two government agencies, the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services are greatly opposed to the legislation. He surmised it was because, "if the Bill passes, it will mandate them to comply with federal recognition of tribal governments."

Economic restrictions are prevalent in every venture we are currently undertaking. Indian tribes are in a critical period and are being forced to show strength. Government agencies would do well to reconcile themselves to the historic fact of Indian persistence and develop an appropriate administrative philosphy toward us.

If they are concerned about subsidizing Indians, the amount of subsidy to be required in the future will only be determined after Indian people receive opportunities to develop their resources in an unthreatened atmosphere of free choice. Given opportunity and free choice, Indians can adapt effectively to any conditions - and our state legislators should be aware of this. **Contact them. Let them know who you are. . .and that you vote!**

Applications for School Clothing Being Accepted

Effective May 1, 1985, Social Services, Creek Nation Complex will be taking school clothing applications for those who have never applied. Each Creek Nation district were allocated 165 grants. The remaining school clothes grants not used by some districts are re-allocated on a first come first serve basis.

To be eligible, the child must have 1) Citizenship Card, 2) Grades 1-12, 3) Enrolled and attending school. For more information call: Judy Rolland ext. 293 - Pat Frank ext. 280.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A proposed use hearing for general revenue sharing purposes will be held on May 9, 1985, for all interested citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The amount of general revenue sharing funds to be discussed for this fiscal year is $140,000.00. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Mound Building in Okmulgee,Ok., for the purpose of discussion of possible uses of general revenue sharing funds. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written or oral comment on uses of the funds. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.

Indian Communities To Be Reorganized

The Creek Nation Division of Community Services is reorganizing the Creek Indian communities. Authorized by tribal ordinance, the reorganization process has created a Charter system by which organized Creek communities may secure recognition by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation government.

The Charter ordinance developed in 1983 has since provided sixteen (16) organized communities with Charter Certificates.

Under the Charter ordinance, an organized Creek community must submit an updated constitution to the Muscogee(Creek) Nation for review and approval.

Organized communities, upon being chartered, shall have the status of the Muscogee Nation as to all tax exemptions, sovereign immunities, and any other protections and powers as provided by tribal ordinance.

For more information on establishing a Creek Indian community in your area, please contact Steve Landsberry at 756-8700.

CREEK NATION PRINCESS PAGEANT MAY 3, 7:00 P.M. MOUND AUDITORIUM

Letters of Opinion:

Dear Tulsa District Councilmembers:

Attached is a copy of a bill being submitted to the National Council for appropriation of funds to pay for judgement against the Creek Nation and in favor of Mr. Thomas McIntosh. This judgement is in the matter of a pickup truck which Mr. McIntosh feels the Creek Nation is responsible for financially because he purchased the truck while he was an employee of the Creek Nation. I believe his initial request was for $9,000.00.

Judgement was rendered in Mr. McIntosh's favor in the amount of $1,000.00. I have mixed feelings about this judgement, (1) I consider the judgement to be ludicrous, because I do not feel that the Creek Nation is in the business of bailing anyone out of their financial obligations, no matter who the person is or whatever position he has or may have had; (2) on the other hand, perhaps I should commend Mr. McIntosh for his efforts in pursuing the matter as he has and applaud Judge McIntosh for his decision for he has set a precedence which every employee and tribal member can utilize to receive compensation for automobiles which they purchase during their employment with the Creek Nation and in my estimation even if they aren't employed with the Creek Nation.

I ask that as my representatives from Tulsa District, that you analyze this case very carefully and consider the consequence of what this judgement might generate. As a member of the tribe and of the Tulsa District, I request that you as council members review and consider this case for possible appeal due to the precedence being set in this case. I can foresee a never ending battle in the courts of the Muscogee Nation, not to mention the depletion of tribal funds just to absolve the indebtedness of tribal members.

I might add that as a member of your district, I have yet to receive information from any one of you as to what is taking place within the tribe and an explanation of the advantages or disadvantages of any particular action of the Council. As constituents, we as members also would appreciate your reasons for voting for or against an item without prior consultation of the Indian communities feelings and if your vote was beneficial to the members of the tribe as a whole and not for personal gain or self-satisfaction. With elections forthcoming, excuses will have no place on any candidates campaign platform.

I respectfully request your recommendation to appeal the aforementioned court judgement.

Sincerely,
Etta Conner

Dear Constituent, Etta Conner:

Although I dislike airing out matters in public, you have forced me to respond to your letter that you submitted to the Tulsa County Representatives and to the Muscogee Nation News.

First I would like to address the recent District Court ruling handed down by Judge McIntosh. Without arguing the merits of the case in this open forum, I must say that Judge McIntosh was first appointed by the Chief and then confirmed by the Creek National Council to serve as the judge of the District Court. I am sure he based his decision on the facts presented to him, facts, which I might add, you failed to list in your letter. I feel that you have done a disservice to the Creek citizens by misleading them with your asinine implication that this decision would open the door for frivilous claims against the Creek Nation. The appeal alternative is still open if the people so desire. The only other plan of action we might have is to put pressure on the Executive Office to oust Judge McIntosh and to replace him with someone that will render only favorable decisions for the Creek Nation. Lord knows we don't need someone that will stand up for the lone Creek citizen. It's too bad for Judge McIntosh but he's just going to have to understand that you can't make unfavorable decisions or stand by your convictions and expect to survive around here. Well I guess the National Council can take the blame for confirming him.

In reference to your statement that you have not been advised by your representatives as to what has been going on at Creek Nation, the last time I checked you were still the Executive Secretary to the Principal Chief. Do you expect anybody to believe that you are left in the dark about matters pertaining to tribal matters? Granted you are a full Creek Citizen and entitled to representation, I don't really believe that representation is the real issue here. And if indeed you are left out in the dark about tribal matters, you did well for yourself by obtaining a copy of the Judgement Bill to submit with your letters.

On the issue of voting on issues before prior consultation with the people, as you know we have discussed several times, the problem of the administration submitting Bills for consideration at the last minute. Most of the times these bills had time limits that were at hand and had to be approved within a week or sometimes that day. The administration has kindly agreed to try and give more notice.

On the last two issues you have mentioned, I find it very disturbing that you seem to think my integrity should be an issue here. If indeed you have any specific matter in mind that warrants action, then I suggest that you pursue it until you are satisfied. I don't think that a person should make statements that are so general and leave it there. I would also have to say that I have not derived any self-*satisfaction or personal pleasure from voting* for or against any certain legilation. My personal feelings do not come into play in any issue and I vote for what I believe in irregardless of my relationship with the other council members and administration.

As far as the upcoming election, I will make a decision to run again in the near future and I don't think that I will need any excuses for my campaign platform.

In your letter you state, "we as members" but I found only one signature on the letter. Could you provide me the names of the other disgruntled constituents so that I might meet with them personally, as adults, and discuss the issues instead of using the media to play immature games.

Sincerely,
Larry Bible
Tulsa District Representative
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Election Continued. . .

Sapulpa; Tulsa District, Tulsa Precinct, Indian Youth Center, 716 S. Troost, Tulsa; Glenpool Precinct, Indian Community Trailor, Across the Street west from gradeschool, Glenpool; Okfuskee District, Okemah Precinct, Creek Nation Day Care Center, Okemah; Weleetka Precinct, Indian Community Center, 602 S. Chickasaw, Weleetka; McIntosh District-Eufaula Precinct, Old Manpower Office, 7024 Forrest, Eufaula; Checotah Precinct, Creek Nation Day Care, 800 S.W. 6th, Checotah; Ryal Precinct, Ryal School, Rt. 2, Henryetta; Hanna Precinct, Hanna Fire Station, Hanna.

For more information, contact Juliene Stone, Election Board, Rm. 134, Main Complex, 918-756-8700, Ext.222.

CN Bingo News

Great expectations are in the air at the Creek Nation Bingo, according to John Artichoker, President Indian Country U.S.A., the firm contracted to manage the Bingo Hall. "An organizational revamping currently underway can only be productive for Creek Nation and the Bingo Hall employees," he said.

"Our new staffing structure is geared toward developing our human resources, our employees, into what will create greater achievements for the Creek Nation entertainment facility. This more progressive structure will promote the tribe's objective of maintaining an Indian oriented, employee relationship," Artichoker related.

"Indian Country U.S.A. is concerned with the personal development of all our employees. Recently, we have employed Gary Bean as assistant manager. Gary, along with the new manager, Gordon Sjodin, has been working toward improving communications and tightening teamwork efforts among the different staff positions. Currently 118 employees are on staff at the Bingo Hall," he explained.

Sjodin and Bean came in as managers three weeks ago. Sjodin has a background in marketing development and management consultation. He is from Aberdeen, South Dakota. For the past three years, he has been involved in organizing and developing non-profit bingo in the Dakotas.

Gary Bean is Creek. He lives in Sand Springs and was previously employed with the Creek tribe in the Office of the Gaming Commission. Bean's hours at the Bingo are long and rendering, however he says he is excited about his new position with Indian Country and wants his work to reflect on the progressive attitude of his tribal government.

Bean holds a law degree from the University of Tulsa and Accounting degrees from the University of Oklahoma and Northeastern State University. He was an operations sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army, discharged in 1971.

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GARY BEAN RECEIVES CONRATULATIONS from Principal Chief Cox on his recent employment with Indian Country as the CN Bingo Assistant Manager.

Gordon Sjodin (left) and Gary Bean, newly appointed managers of the Creek Nation Bingo accept a "Letter of Appreciation" to the Bingo employees from Muscogee National Council members, Carney Roberts and Delbert Dunn. John Artichoker, (right) President Indian Country U.S.A., was present for the ceremony. The letter, on behalf of the Creek people, thanked each employee for their contribution to the success of the Bingo Hall.

Elaine Waller Places 2nd In Playwriting Contest

Elaine Waller, CN Citizenship Board employee, has placed Second in the Haskell Institute's Centennial Playwriting Contest for her entry, "Who is There to Mourn."

The play, which deals with effects of alcoholism on a family, was performed in the Thunderbird Theatre in October.

"I was very pleased that I won, but also surprised because the play was very short, 39 pages, and I wrote it in two weeks."

Elaine lives in Okmulgee with her son, Teddy and is the daughter of the late Sam and Martha Anderson.

BENEFIT FOOD SALE!

On May 4, a benefit food sale will be held at the Fellowship Hall of Thewathle Baptist Church, 1 mile north, 1 miles east, 1 mile north, and 1 mile east of Dustin. Serving will begin at 11:00 until ? Proceeds will help defray medical expenses for Kenneth Lewis. All assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Dewar Indian Community

By Eliza Hicks

At our regular lunch on March 25, Chief Cox presented a charter recognizing our community to Chairman George Hicks. Accompanying the Chief was William Foster, Creek Nation Gaming Commissioner. We're proud that our community is now on the map and much of the credit for this happening belongs to Steve Landsberry. We appreciate his perserverance.

We had a full house on April 3 which was the day of our Easter Dinner. Our speaker was Rev. Thompson Billy of Muskogee. After dinner, there was an egg hunt at the Dewar football field where the Easter rabbit had hidden the eggs he colored the day before. Lewis Bible ferreted out the prize egg. The door prizes went to Mollie Hicks and Ella Hawkins. Prizes also were given to the oldest person attending, Washie Lewis and the one from farthest away, Faye Washington of Shawnee. Millie Yardy found the most eggs and Lottie Billy, the least. The S.C. made a trip to Muskogee to see the azaleas at Honor Heights Park and from there to Tahlequah where we toured the new Indian Hospital, the Cherokee Arts and 'Crafts Shop, and the Cherokee nursery. Those making the trip were Millie Yardy, Ivalene Melton, Virginia and Buster Barnett, Lucille Bear, Judy Johnson and Ellen McIntosh. The bus driver was Bunny Hill.

The evening of April 16, we will attend a revival meeting at Deep Fork Hillabee Church near Onapa. We'd like to say "MVTO" to Creek Nation for arranging transportation for these outings.

On April 13, our Senior Citizens held a bake and rummage sale. Due to the rainy weather, the turnout wasn't too great but we had a fun time, visiting with those who stopped by. Proceeds will help us to make an overnight stay at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, to witness the Passion Play and for sightseeing. Someone quipped, "Senior Citizens going to see a passion play at this stage in their lives! kinda late for that". Another came back with, "We're still breathin, we ain't dead, yet." Our piggy bank isn't bulging yet, but we're off to a good start. We'll have another bake and rummage sale May 4, so we hope you'll come over and help our cup run over.

Our next regular business meeting will be May 20 and we invite all of the surrounding area Indians to join us.

Indian Art Exposition Set for Grand Council

A Native American Art Exposition and Sale is being held June 7-9 at the Fountainhead State Lodge. The exhibition is sponsored by the Lake Eufaula Artist's Guild and is open to Indian youth 17-25.

The open-air event is part of a three-day Grand Council Meeting and will be held in conjunction with a professional art show and sale and is coordinated with the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma City Arts Council.

No set-up fee will be charged since the event will be held on state property but the state does require a 10% sales fee on all works sold. The Guild will not profit from the sales, however.

For more information, brochures and applications contact: Joyce Cloud, Rt. 3, Box 315, Eufaula, OK, 74432 or (918) 689-3538.

Phillip Deere Bingo Success!

Thanks to the help of many, the benefit bingo held for Phillip Deere at Arbeka Ceremonial Ground was a great success. There were donations of money, bingo prizes, raffle items, and food, plus help in the kitchen and on the floor. Again, thanks to all who participated in this effort.

Friends of Phillip Deere

Report From CN Indian Child Welfare Services

Creek Children Need Foster Homes!

The passage of the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act in 1982 guaranteed the Creek Nation's right to intervene in any court proceeding which would result in the removal of a Creek Indian Child from his/her home by the State Department of Human Service (DHS).

Since that time, however, the frequency of intervention has been limited by the availability of suitable homes in which alternative child placements could be made. The Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare Program has, therefore, recently progressed through the addition of a "Children's Services" Program, which has as one of its major goals, the recruitment of foster homes within each county of the Creek Nation.

The Social Services Staff of the Creek Nation will be compiling a list of persons from the local Indian community who are interested in becoming foster parents to Indian children.

A foster parent must be willing to make a committment to a child placed in his/her care, which can be regarded as meaningful in a child's lifetime. Desired qualities of a potential foster parent would include the ability to solve problems creatively, good listening skills, flexibility, a sense of humor, and patience.

Although the home should be large enough to accomodate an additional resident, family income should be sufficient to meet its own expenses, and educational level should be extensive enough to assist a school-aged child with academic difficulties, a "warm" home atmosphere, capable of providing a stable, nurturing environment will be considered a more important quality than indicators of socio-economic status. Information regarding age, martial status, religiousity, and employment history will also be obtained from each applicant.

The primary responsibilities of foster parents are: 1) to assist the child to maintain and improve interpersonal relationships; 2) to oversee physical and mental growth and development; 3) to ensure nutrition, health, and safety; and 4) to provide consistent and structured, yet understanding discipline. These are ordinarily met with little difficulty, as they are intrinsic to warm, loving, "fostering" environments. Any additional skills necessary to fulfill foster parenting obligations will be provided by ongoing orientation and training by foster care resource personnel.

The needs of children requiring foster care placement vary widely. Foster children may have been removed from their natural homes due to parental illness, death, or desertion. In addition, social problems often result in a breakdown of the family unit, which can lead to a child's exposure to inadequate care, neglect, or abuse. Children who have suffered any of these crises and have been forced to leave their home because of it, are often traumatized. That resultant trauma may manifest itself through the adaptation of socially unacceptable behavior into his/her personality. Therefore, the child's needs, whatever they may be determined to be, must be met with genuine compassion.

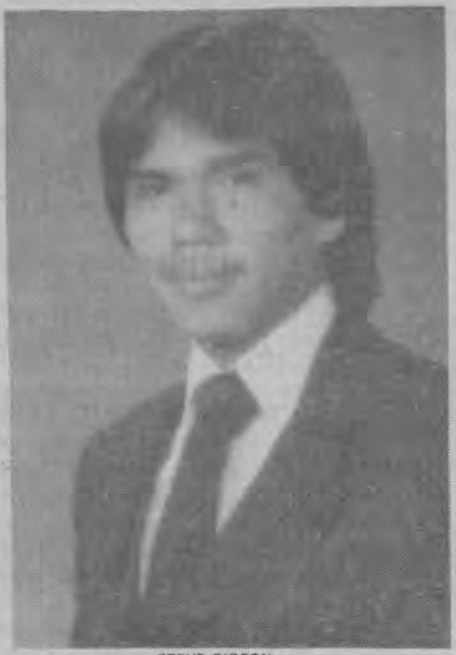
Person's motivations to become foster parents vary widely, also. Even though individual motivations will be considered, the primary consideration would be to establish that the overall goal of foster care, that is, to serve the welfare of the child placed in the foster home, would be consistent with that motivating factor.

In addition, the Creek Nation Social Services staff will be seeking members of the local Indian community who are interested in serving on a foster care review committee. This committee will be comprised of approximately five (5) volunteers who will be screened and selected by Social Services staff.

Qualified applicants should possess knowledge of the foster care program through: 1) past or present experience as foster parents; 2) employment in the field of social work; and/or 3) affiliation with a social services organization which has provided familiarization with a foster care program.

The purpose of this committee will be to monitor progress of the Creek Nation Foster Care Program through conducting a quarterly review of the case plan for each child placement, with the additional responsibility to provide a critique of any proposed changes in the Program's operational procedures.

A sincere interest in the welfare of Indian children may well be the most important qualification of potential foster families as well as potential members of the foster care review committee. Any interested parties are encouraged to contact Cheryl Potts or Helen Coon at the Creek Nation Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or call (918) 756-8700, for more information.



STEVE PIGEON

Stephen Pigeon Named To Bacone Honor Roll

Stephen Pigeon, 19 year old son of Willie and Pat Pigeon, Rt. 3, Okemah, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll at Bacone College for the fall semester. He has completed at least 12 hours of college work earning no grade lower than a "B", and had a grade point average of 3.0 or higher to receive the honor. Stephen is a 1984 graduate of Weleetka High School, and is currently a member of the Bacone Warriors Baseball team.

BRUCE DOUGLAS, SHOWN WITH STATE REPRESENTATIVE GLEN D. JOHNSON, served as a Page the week of March 4th for Representative Johnson of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol. Bruce is a Senior at Mason High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Douglas of Okemah.

Douglas/Bear Honored For Athletic Abilities

Two Creek youths, Bruce Douglas and Daniel Bear, have been recently honored for their athletic ability; Bruce has been named All-State in basketball by the Oklahoma Basketball coaches and will play August 1, in the All-State game at Oral Roberts University.

Daniel Bear has been chosen as an alternate on the All-State team. Both were named on the East Small School team and are Seniors at Mason High School.

Douglas is a 5-10 guard and averages 17.1 points per game. He is a three-year starter with his team and has won numerous awards while playing the game; Little River Conference MVP, Okfuskee County All-Star Game MVP, Deep Fork All-Conference for three years, Okmulgee Small School All—Tournament for two years, Okfuskee County All-Star Team for three years, and Little River All-Conference.

Bruce's coaches has praised him as an outstanding athlete for his competitiveness, leadership qualities, ball-handling abilities and personal traits. He maintains a 3.35 grade point average and is President of the Mason Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma after his graduation.

Daniel Bear is a three-year starter for Mason High School and has helped Mason to a 27-2 record in his Senior season. He is Mason's leading scorer, averaging 18.8 points per game. His honors include: All-Conference for three years, Okmulgee Small School All-Tournament for two years, Okfuskee County All-Star Team for two years.

Daniel, a member of the Mason Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is also a three-year starter in baseball. According to his coaches, his competiveness, leadership qualities, shooting and rebounding abilities and personal traits, have attributed to his honors in athletics and to his being named alternate to the All-State basketball game to be held later this summer.

Daniel plans to attend one of the Oklahoma Junior Colleges, upon graduation.

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THE COACHES SMALL SCHOOL ALL-STATE BASKETBALL TEAM will include Mason High School Seniors Daniel Bear, left, and Bruce Douglas, this year. Douglas was named a first team guard and will play in the All-State game this summer at Oral Roberts University and Bear was an selected as an Alternate Player for the game.

JOY HARJO

Joy Harjo: Roots in Oklahoma's Red Earth

By Kathryn Bell

Joy Harjo - Creek poet, writer and playwright - whose talent and vision for her people have taken her far from her birthplace at times, still maintains a fierce allegiance to the red earth of Oklahoma. The pride and affinity she has for her native state and Indian heritage are reoccuring and sensitive expressions throughout her work - books of poetry, numerous anthologies, plays and in the writer's workshops she has conducted and the classes she has taught.

This revered and vital connection with Oklahoma - the heart and soul of the people who call her home - is celebrated in an excerpt of "Oklahoma - the Prairie of Words," an essay written by the darkly intense and sensitive poet. Her words penetrate and ring true to all of us who are born of the red earth of Oklahoma that no matter how far away we venture, and no matter if we can only return in our hearts and memory - we never really leave Oklahoma - a part of it remains forever with us...

"...Oklahoma - the red earth gives meaning to the name. Oklahoma is derived from a Choctaw word which means "red people." It is a place which has come to mean home to many tribal peoples. The word dances over our tongues like the bottomless sky that rolls over the curving prairie land. Oklahoma means a center of life to her people, a whole spirit of being. It is a place that comes clear in the voices of her people, who are of many languages and of many parts of the Oklahoma landscape.Kiowa,Creek, Comanche, or Pawnee - their names are these and many more. The sounds of these names fill the Oklahoma landscape. They mean alive and living communities, and signal the roots of many of the singers of the word. These words have a resonance, even on an Oklahoma state map. They begin stories, whole histories of tribal peoples who may have originated thousands of miles away north into Canada, or as close as the Spiro Mound in the center of Oklahoma.

"In a sense, we never leave Oklahoma, or maybe it would be better said that Oklahoma never leaves us. The spirit is alive in the landscape that arranges itself in the poems and stories that are created and the spirit takes many forms and many voices...

We. as the tribal peoples of Oklahoma, bear a responsibility to that place, to the community of earth and language that has formed us. And we continue. There is a timeless presence within the voices coming out of Oklahoma, a belief in continuance. The stories and poems are in motion within the red earth...

All of the people, all of the voices who are from Oklahoma, remain a part of that spirit. Even if they move away they always return. They return, even if they have been sent miles away to school or leave to find jobs, and then come back with families and settle down. Some return only during the moist, humid summers to the dancing, warm drum nights near towns named Anadarko, Henryetta, Miami, or to numerous other grounds. And some return only in their hearts and voices, singing, again and again - to Oklahoma red earth, a curving wind plain - to creeks and rivers that cross over and through the land. No one has ever left..."

Joy, just finishing the "We Are One" series, is currently working on her poetry and a screenplay on the Samish Tribe and their legends.

Creek Poet Writes about Omaha Indians Her Work to Appear on Educational T.V.

By Kathryn Bell

Joy Harjo, Oklahoma-born Creek, has recently written a script that portrays the beauty and richness of the Omaha Indian culture, for the Nebraska Educational Television Network. The program series for which the segment on the Omahas was written, is entitled "We Are One."

The 20-minute program, which will be the second unit of a four-part series, produced by the Nebraska Educational Television Network and the State Department of Education, will follow one family of the Omaha tribe in the early 1800's.

The story is concentrated on a 12-year old boy, Nibtha'ska, and his younger sister through a summer of their lives.

In the past, many televised portrayals of Native Americans have not presented these cultural groups as established, organized societies with specific rules by which they lived and are governed. The unit done by Ms. Harjo is intended to clarify these ideas for a young audience.

The series, developed for use in a fourth grade classroom setting, also includes units on Swedish pioneers and modern Hispanic refugees. The series will give a broad picture of the people and their backgrounds that make up Nebraska's population today. The goal of "We Are One" is for children to come to appreciate emotionally and understand the state's heritage historically.

Auditions were held in many cities, including Tulsa, recently for the Unit II segment, which cast 70-90 Native American actors of all ages for leading and supporting roles.

Four Tulsa Indian actors were cast in leading roles in the Unit II segment. Among them; Kendall Lenaburg, who will play the role of the 12-year old Omaha youth, with Wes Studie, Vernice Moncooyea-Sherred and J.R. Matthews, who will play leading roles in the production.

The Native American Public Broadcasting Consortium (NAPBC) coordinated the Tulsa auditions. Chet Kincaid will serve as Producer/Director of the "We Are One" production, with Joy Harjo acting as a consultant to the project. Frank Blythe and Stephanie Hare of NAPBC have assisted in the project as well.

Unit II is expected to air on the Nebraska Educational Television Network in fall of 1986.

Plan To Attend
'85 Creek Festival & Rodeo
JUNE 14-15 OKMULGEE

9th Annual CN Olympics Scheduled June 14

The Ninth Annual Creek Nation Olympics will be held June 14 at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee. If you are interested in bringing a team, please fill out the form and send to: Janet Lee, Creek Nation Olympics, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447, or call Janet or Jerrie at 918/756-8700, extension 337 or 338. A registration packet will then be mailed to you.

CREEK NATION OF OKLAHOMA
REPRESENTATIVE FORM

I, ____ of the

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serve as the official representative in matters pertaining to the Creek Nation Olympics.

My address is: ________________________________

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OBITUARIES

ANDREW FREEMAN

Funeral services for Andrew Freeman were held Monday, April 8 at the First United Methodist Church in Coweta with Rev. Thomas Long officiating and Rev. Eugene Sunny providing the music.

Mr. Freeman was born February 17, 1910 in Hitchita, he died April 4 at the age of 75. He was a member of New Town Methodist Church where he was a trustee for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Violet, of the home; two sons, Donald Freeman of Fayetteville, N.C. and James Freeman of Tulsa; four daughters, Cecilla Chalakee of Bartlesville, Melissa Seisried, Tulsa, Andra Black, Sperry and Dawn Freeman, Bartlesville; two step daughters Barbara Gillespie, Coweta and Joyce Bear, Tahlequah; two step sons, Don Childers, Broken Arrow and Kenneth Childers, Glenpool; two brothers, Spy Freeman, Claremore and Rubin Freeman, Sand Springs; three sisters, Ida Sparks, Altus, Joanna Stand, Tulsa and Eliza Hicks, Henryetta.

Pallbearers were Richard Freeman, Jess Freeman Jr., William Freeman, John Freeman, Louis Hicks and Timothy Hicks. Interment was at Floral Haven Cemetery, Tulsa.

ANNIE M. HARJO

Funeral service for Annie M. Harjo, 73, were held April 17 at the Creek Chapel Indian Methodist Church with Rev. Louis Harjo and Rev. Paul Jimboy officiating. Mrs. Harjo died at the Creek Nation Community Hospital, April 13.

Mrs. Harjo was born June 22, 1911 at Wetumka and had been a resident of Okfuskee County for 60 years. She was married to Peter Harjo at Wetumka in 1929 and he preceded her in death on October 22, 1975. She was a member of the Creek Chapel Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Sonnie and James Harjo both of Okemah and Morris Harjo of Sapulpa; five daughters; Mrs. Helen Jimboy, Okemah, Mrs. Lou Anna Wells, Clearview, Mrs. Lottie Randell, Okemah, Mrs. Minnie Beaver, Clearview; forty grandchildren and 25 reat-grandchildren.

CHRISTIE L. HANCE

Christie Long Hance, Oklahoma City, died April 14, 1985 at Boyce Manor Nursing Home at the age of 66.

She was born in Hughes County December 23, 1918. She lived in Hughes County most of her life execpt when she lived with her daughter in Oklahoma City.

She was married to Joe Hance, who preceded her in death April 15, 1945.

She was a member of Salt Creek Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include her daughter, Wanda Aultman, and three grandsons, Gregory, Randy and Christopher Aultman all of Oklahoma City.

Four brothers, Harry Long, Phoenix, Az., Nathan Long, Holdenville, Thomas Long, Jenks, and Maxie L. Knight, Cromwell and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held April 24, at the Salt Creek Methodist Church with Rev. Elmer Berryhill officiating and Rev. Harry Long assisting.

Burial was in the Long Family cemetery.

MARIE COCHRAN

Mrs. Marie Childers Cochran, 82 of Muskogee died Sunday at Van Orden Adult Living Center.

Services were held March 19 at Lescher Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Lee Chupco officiating. Burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Mitchell Chouteau, Michael Chouteau, Marshall Hart, Gary Scott, M.M. Chouteau and Lee Childers.

Mrs. Cochran was born Feb. 24, 1903 at Coweta, she was the daughter of William and Annie (Cloud) Childers.

Survivors include two daughters, Christine Chouteau of Ponca City and Carol Hart of Oklahoma City; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren and a nephew.

JESSIE HICKS

Funeral services were held for Jessie Hicks, 62, April 10 at the Buckeye Baptist Church with the Rev. Bill Beaver officiating the service.

Mr. Hicks was born in Okfuskee County, Dec. 22 1922 to Chehaparney and Sarah Hicks. He grew up in the Mason Community, attended school there. He lived in the Okemah area all his life. He was a deacon for several years at the Buckeye Baptist Church and worked for Riverside Steel Co. in Tulsa as a machine operator.

He is survived by his mother Sarah Hicks of Okemah, two sons Johnny Lee Hicks of Okemah and Terry Jessie Hicks of Muskogee; two daughters Aggie Beaver of Dustin and Mary Walter of Okemah; three brothers, Wilson Hicks, Banson Hicks and Hanson Hicks all of Okemah; three sisters, Louise Burgess of Welty, Maggie Hll of Bristow and Joann Powell of Oklahoma City; eight grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Harry Douglas, Justin Deer, Carney Roberts, Simmer Hicks, Dewayne Hicks and David Hill.

BRETT ANDREW BIBLE

Brett Andrew Bible, infant son of David and Sharalee Bible of Glenpool was born April 16, 1985, died April 16. Funeral services were held April 18 with Pastor Steve Shell officiating. Interment was in South Heights Cemetery, Sapulpa. Survivors are Dustin and Erik of the home. Paternal Grandparents are Andy and Joann Bible, Glenpool. Maternal Grandparents: Helen Chalakee, Okmulgee; Sam Bennett, Morris.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The Andrew Freeman Family

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the many expressions of comfort in the loss of our loved ones, and for the prayers and words of encouragement during Andy's long illness. We especially thank Revs. Thomas Long and Eugene Sonny for their spiritual ministrations at the funeral service. We pray that God will bless you and yours.

David and Sharalee Bible

We want to extend our gratitude for all the kindness and love shown during the loss of our little son Brett.

TO THE CREEK NATION EMPLOYEES

I want to extend my sincere thanks to the employees who sent flowers and contributions to my daughter, Sharalee during the death of her baby.

Thank You,
Helen Chalakee

Oklahoma Honors Dr. Angie Debo

Dr. Angie Debo, an Oklahoma pioneer scholar and author, was presented with a framed resolution from Creek Nation in dedication ceremonies honoring her, held April 8 in the Rotunda of the State Capitol building in Oklahoma City.

The resolution, presented by Muscogee (Creek) National Councilwomen, Irene Cleghorn and Leah Stacy, was in tribute to the author's books on Creek culture and history. Among them; "The Road to Disappearance," "A History of the Creek Indians," "Tulsa from Creek Town to Oil Capital," and "Still the Waters Run."

The historic event, dedicating a portrait of Dr. Debo by Charles Banks Wilson, was in recognition of the author's contribution as a writer and authority on Indian history. Dr. Debo has written and edited thirteen books and hundreds of articles about Indians and Oklahoma history.

Governor Nigh, in warm praise of Dr. Debo's contribution to Oklahoma's heritage, pronounced her "The First Lady of Oklahoma History."

Dr. Debo, seated beside Gov. Nigh during the ceremonies, graciously accepted the tribute and accolades of those who were gathered to honor her - "It is wonderful for you to come out to give someone pleasure - and it certainly gives me pleasure. I thank you more than I can say."

GOV. NIGH AND DR. ANGIE DEBO admire the Resolution presented to Dr. Debo by the Muscogee National Council in Dedication ceremonies held at the State Capitol in April.

Dr. Debo has championed the rights of the American Indian throughout the country and has recently retired from organized work due to her physical limitations.

The portrait of Dr. Debo, by renowned Oklahoma artist Charles Banks Wilson, will hang in the Fourth Floor Rotunda of the State Capitol along with other mural portraits of great Oklahomans - Sequoyah, Jim Thorpe, Will Rogers, Robert S. Kerr, and Carl Albert.

Wilson considered painting the *remarkable woman an honor* - "I am overwhelmed to have had the opportunity to pay homage to a person like Angie Debo. I have tried to capture the superior performance of all those whose portraits now hang in the Rotunda and as you view the painting of Dr. Debo, I hope you will see that the light is reflected on her books then reflected back on her and that light in turn reflects talent and integrity on all of us - and for that, Dr. Debo, we all thank you."

Wilson also thanked the Oklahoma Legislators of the past twenty years for allowing him to paint Oklahoma history and particularly the portrait of Dr. Debo and the murals of the those hanging in the Rotunda - "You have appointed me an honor that has never before been appointed to an American artist."

In his Keynote Address, Dr. James Ralph Scales, President Emeritus, Worrell Professor of History, Wake Forrest University commended Dr. Debo for a lifetime of quiet scholarship and search for justice and moderation for the causes that are dear to her - "From the time that her first book was published until she finished her last on Geronimo at the age of 86, Dr. Debo has been in the forefront of the struggle for justice for Indian people."

The Honorable Robert Henry, House of Representatives, served as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by The Honorable Penny Williams, House of Representatives and other state governments officials.

The Dedication ceremonies were sponsored by the State Arts Council of Oklahoma, Office of the Governor, Oklahoma Historical Society, Office of Public Affairs. A Reception in the Rotunda followed the ceremonies.

WILEY JULY

Service for Wiley July, 69 of Checotah, were held April 1 in Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church with the Revs. Roley Haynes and Morris Barnett officiating.

Interment was in the Greenlaw Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Wallace St.Clair, Nathan Harper, Sam Harper, Billy Welch Jr., Randy July and Dan Thames.

Mr. July was born Jan. 16, 1916 in Richardsville, and died March 29 at Eufaula Municipal Hospital. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of WWII and was a retired empolyee of the Naval Ammunition Depot in McAlester. He was a former pastor and member of Deep Fork Hillabee Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Hannah of the home; five sons, Joe of Texanna, Mose of Catoosa, Sauce of McAlester, Charles of Denver, Co., Gene of Checotah and two daughters, Mrs. Omega Welch of Oktaha and Mrs Nancy Barnett of Checotah; two sisters, Mrs. Nannie McCricklin of Mounds and Mrs. Sue Harper of Checotah; 23 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

TEDDY JACK LOWE

Teddy Jack Lowe, 61 of the Bryant Community died March 30 in Okmulgee.

He was born April 2, 1923. He was retired from the Pittsburg Plate Glass Co. and was a member of the Bryant Community Church.

Funeral services were held April 1, at

Graveside services were held April 1 at the Barnett Family Cemetery under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home of Henryetta.

Survivors included one son, Charles Lowe of Manford; two daughters, Wilma and Tracy Lowe both of the home.

Meet Original Allottee...

EMMA TECUMSEH

EMMA TECUMSEH, 81—YEAR OLD CREEK WOMAN FROM THE TWIN HILLS COMMUNITY, is one of the original allottees that Rita Williams of the Creek Nation Communications Dept., has interviewed for an upcoming book on Creek church history. Emma, a life-long member of Concharty Indian Methodist Church recalled the pioneering of Indian churches established in Creek Nation - the days of circuit riders, brush arbors and week-end encampments at services - as well as the rich traditions of the early Creek church.

CHARLES JONES

Charles Jones To Attend Oklahoma State Tech

Charles Lee Jones Jr. 1/2 Creek and 1/2 Comanche, son of Latricia Saupitty of Lawton and Charles Lee Jones Sr. of Claremore will be graduating from Apache High School.

His school achievements include the following: Principals Honor Roll for four years, Who's Who Among American High School Students, Senior Class Vice-President, Junior Class President, Senior Who's Who Most Popular, Indian Club for six year, FFA for 3 years, Football for eight years, Basketball three years, Baseball three years, All District Offensive Lineman 1984-85.

Charles' future plans are to attend Oklahoma State Tech, majoring in Electronics.

Eddie Screechowl Visits Mexico Yucatan Peninsula

Eddie Screechowl, along with seven Sapulpa High School students and Spanish teacher, Jean Davis, recently returned from a trip to the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico.

The group visited Merida, the capital of the ancient Mayan civilization, Uxmal to see the fabulous Pyramid of the Magician, the Governor's Palace, the Temple of the Turtles, and the huge Convento.

They also traveled to the greatest of the ancient cities, Chichen-Itza, and spent three days and four nights on the moon-shaped island Cancun.

Eddie is the son of Janice and Eddie Screechowl, Sapulpa, and grandson of Angie Screechowl, Weleetka, and Jo Factor, Depew.

TAMMY ALBERTS, MASON HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR, was voted the Most Valuable Player in the East team of the All-Star team for Okfuskee County. Tammy is the granddaughter of Sam and Bessie Cooper.

MICHELLE DEERE

D.J. DEERE

Michelle & D.J. Deere Named Bowlers of Month

Michelle Deere, age 10 has been named February 1985 "Bowler of the Month" for the State of Oklahoma. She is in the Prep girls division with a 472 scratch series, this included a high scratch game of 191. Her current league average is 121. She recently participated on a team in the State Bowling Tournament in Broken Arrow and her team placed second receiving individual medals. Michelle is currently bowling on a league at the Gentle Giant Bowl in Eufaula, Ok. She has been bowling since the age of five. Michelle attends Stidham Grade School and in the 4th grade.

Daniel James (D.J.) Deere, age 6, has been named March 1985 "Bowler of the Month" for Gentle Giant Bowl. D.J. bowled a 292 series with a high game of 95. This is D.J.'s first year bowling. He recently participated on a team in the State Bowling Tournament in Tulsa. His team placed 1st in the Prep-Bantam Class B Division and received individual medals. His current league average is 45. D.J. attends Stidham Grade School and he is in kindergarten.

Michelle and D.J. are 4/4 Creek Indian and the children of Daniel and Susie Deere of Stidham, Ok., and the grandchildren of Rev. Dan and Mina Phillips of Stidham.

Election May 25

JUDY NELL HARJO

Judy Harjo Selected Graham Valedictorian

Judy Nell Harjo, daughter of Benjamin and Christine Harjo, Rt. 2, Henryetta has been selected valedictorian of her Senior Class. Judy as attended the Graham Public School for 12 years. She plans to work before continuing higher education.

CAROL BEAR

Carol Bear Ranks In Spelling Bee

Carol Bear, Creek student, the daughter of Mrs. Irene Sands of Star Route, Castle, Ok. has finished in the final one-third of the County Spelling Bee. She competed against 5th - 8th graders of every school in the county.

Carol is in the 5th grade this year and is looking forward to 3 more years of competing. She is one of the top 3 students in her class and has taken a first place on her poster in the American Lung Association contest in the state. She also received a second place ribbon on her poster for "National Agriculture Week" in her county 4H contest.

NORMAN HARJO, LEFT, AND JOE WASHINGTON, CN EMPLOYEES, recently placed in the Five Tribes Arts and Crafts Exhibition held recently at the Five Tribes Museum in Muskogee.

Five Tribes Museum Holds Craft Show

In conjunction with the Azalea Festival in Muskogee, the Five Civilized Tribes Museum announces the opening of the 1985 Judged Exhibition and Sale of Beadwork, Basketry, Pottery, Silversmithing and Cabin Crafts. The show opened Sunday, March 24, 1985 at 1 p.m. with the presentation of awards. The awards are first, second, third and honorable mentions in each category plus a $200. Grand Award. The show will continue through April 30, in the Museum Art Gallery. Museum hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission fee is $1.00 per adult and 25¢ per student 6 years of age or older. All items in the show are for sale.

Two Creek Nation employees had entries which placed in this art show.

In the Contemporary Beadwork, Joe Washington won the Honorable Mention award for his beaded bag "Four Directions". In the Cabin Crafts, Norman Harjo placed Second for his "Ballsticks".

For more information contact The Five Civilized Tribes Museum - Agency Hill, Honor Heights Drive, Muskogee, Ok. 74401, phone: (918) 683-1701.

Plan To Attend '85 Creek Festival & Rodeo

JUNE 14-15 OKMULGEE

PRINCIPAL CHIEF COX VISITS WITH EUFAULA HEADSTART STUDENTS as they are boarding their bus to go in search of the elusive Easter Bunny!

Chilocco Renunion Set June 7-8-9 in Tulsa

The Chilocco National Alumni Association will hold its annual reunion in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the Tulsa Marriott Hotel, June 7, 8, and 9, 1985. The reunion officially begins Friday, June 7, with registration beginning at 9:00 a.m. This year's reunion will be dedicated to the men of Company C, 180th, 279th and 179th Infantry Regiments, 45th Infantry Division, Oklahoma Army National Guard. The classes of 1935 and 1965 will also be honored this year.

A Pow-Wow Friday night starting at 6:00 p.m. will start the reunion festivities. On Saturday June 8, activities will begin with a Company C Breakfast and General Meeting. All students, employees and veterans who served as a member of a Company C in World War II and Korea are invited. The Alumni Association will hold their General Meeting beginning at 10:30 a.m. Hall of Fame Ceremonies and Banquet will begin at 5:00 p.m. Bill Chandler, Phillips Petroleum, Borger, Tx. Class of '42 will MC the program. The dance will begin at 9:00 p.m. with a live 20 piece dance band. There will be nine new inductees to the Hall of Fame.

A "Reminiscing Room" will be availabe throughout the reunion for those who do not wish to participate in the cocktails/dance activities.

We are hoping to have over 1,000 in attendance this year and are trying to located "lost classmates". Help us locate Chiloccoans by mailing their address to us. If you are a "lost classmate", please mail your name and address to us, or for further information write to the Chilocco Alumni Association, Secretary, Emily Bunny, P.O. Box 2465, Tulsa, Ok. 74101 or call (918) 561-8723 (office). Alumni who have a change of address, please don't forget to notify us of your forwarding address.

For further information you may contact: Cedric Starr, 12355 E. 39th St. Tulsa, Ok. 74145, Phone: 918-622-5420; Emma Jean Osage Falling, 18517 E. 3rd. Tulsa, Ok. 74108, Phone: 918-266-1626.

CN Higher Education Has Summer Program

The Creek Nation Higher Education Department announced today that the deadline for the Summer Scholars Program is May 3rd.

The Summer Scholar Program is an intensive enrichment program emphasizing math, science, and literature. Participants will receive exposure to eduational, career and cultural opportunities outside of class through field trips and recreation. Students will live on campus.

Applicants must be ¼ or more degree Creek Indian blood, who have demonstrated academic potential in math, science, or literature. Applicants must be graduating seniors.

Students will receive nine hours of college credit for successful completion of coursework. All students will be required to enroll in Study Skills and Career Awareness classes; however, placement in math, science or literature classes is based on test results.

Students will be provided with tuition, fees and books, room and board, weekly stipend, educational and cultural tours, tutoring and counseling and recreational activities.

Students will be expected to provide their own transportation funds for traveling to and from school and personal items such as bedding, towels, soap, shampoo, etc.

Completed application forms and all required supportive documents must be submitted to: Creek Nation of Oklahoma, Higher Education Program, Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, Attn: Dan Burgess or Thomas Sullivan.

Choctaws to Purchase Railroad Right-of-Way

The Choctaw Indians of Oklahoma have been negotiating for the purchase of 180 miles of railroad tracks and right-of-way from Perry, Arkansas to McAlester, Oklahoma.

Chief Hollis Roberts said the purchase cost had been negotiated with the Chicago Pacific Railroad, which was set up to dispose of the holdings of the bankrupt Rock Island Lines. He said no decision had been made to make the purchase, where to place the headquarters or who to appoint to run the railroad.

Assistant Chief Greg Pile said more meetings with company officials were needed and "we still have to sit down with the council and chief and have at least a number of different meetings." David Donoley, a former Rock Island employee who has been active in the negotiations, said the purchase would stimulate the economy and provide jobs for the Choctaws. He noted that the tracks run "through the heart of Choctaw Nation." He said the Choctaws hope to induce industry to locate along the line, which would be subcontracted to other rail users.

A Chamber of Commerce executive at Booneville, Arkansas said if the Indians buy the tracks and restore service to the town, it would "be the greatest thing that has ever happened to us." She said several industries in the town would use the line.

Grand Council Scheduled At Fountainhead Lodge

Plans are being finalized for the first annual Grand Council to be held June 7, 8, and 9 at Fountainhead State Park Area 2.

It commemorates the 1842 Grand Council which was held near Eufaula and organized to create good relations between tribes and non-Indians.

Some of the activities will be: an archery tournament, arts and crafts show, Youth Art Show, Co-Ed Softball tournament, Indian Stickball game, a fun run, pow-wow and stomp dance. The public is invited.

Further information will revealed later, but those interested may contact the Fountainhead Park at (918) 689-5311.

LESLIE BARICHELLO

Leslie Completes Reign

Leslie Ann Barichello, Creek Miss Indian Oklahoma, passed her crown on to another Creek beauty, Audrey Barnett, April 6 to reign as the new 1985 Miss Indian Oklahoma.

A Senior Accounting major at the University of Oklahoma, Leslie has spread goodwill and has presented a positive image of American Indians throughout the state and nation. She has gone across the country addressing youth in seminars, workshops and conventions on the importance of education - "I want to inspire these kids to achieve their goals, hopes and ambitions and to try and help them build pride in themselves," said the Ms. Barichello.

Leslie was sponsored by Creek Nation during the 1984 Miss Indian Oklahoma competition. She is a former Creek Princess and an enrolled tribal member.

In addition to being named one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1984, Barichello has been elected to the board of the National Indian Education Association. A feature article on these achievements recently appeared in the California-based magazine, "Moccasin Tracks."

She also participated in the Orange Bowl Parade and in inaugural activities at the Centre Complex in Washington, D.C. She was further honored on March 9, when Oklahoma Governor George Nigh declared that date Leslie Ann Barichello Day.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ketcheshawno, Shawnee, Barichello is a senior majoring in accounting at OU. She is a 1982 graduate of Bacone College , where she was a class reporter and a member of the Bacone Choir, Dean's Honor Roll and National Dean's Honor Roll.

Her activities at OU include being a member of the Native American Student Association, American Indian Student Business and Engineering Club, and the United National Indian Tribal Youth. She is a descendant of the Creek Poet Alexander Posey, and Pohos Harjo, founder of the Artussee Church outside of Eufaula.

Bacone Weekend Scheduled May 16-19

"Share a Memory: Bacone Alumni Weekend" is the theme for a four-day schedule of events planned by the Bacone College Alumni Association for May 16 thru 19th.

A fun run, golf tournament, parade, arts and crafts fair and pow-wow are among the events being planned for the alumni weekend, according to Clydia Nahwooksy, president of the Bacone College Alumni Association.

Activities for the Alumni Weekend will begin on May 16 with registration from 5p.m to 7p.m. at Ataloa Lodge Museum. After registering, alumni can attend the annual Pinning Ceremony for graduating nursing students, which will be held at 7p.m. at Bacone Memorial Chapel. A reception for the nursing graduates will be held following the ceremony.

Two sports events will kick-off activities on May 17. A one-mile fun run will be held at 8 a.m., starting at the college gymnasium. The fun run will be sponsored by western Oklahoma chapter of the alumni association. There will be entry fees of $5 for alumni and $2.50 for students. The proceeds will be donated to the college. Ribbons will be awarded to all who finish the run. Amos Harjo and Forrest Harris, both of Oklahoma City, will coordinate the event.

A 27-hole golf tournament will also be held at 8 a.m. on May 17 at the Meadowbrook Golf Course, located at Border and S. 40th, in Muskogee. Tee time will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Championship A,B, and C flights will be determined on the first nine holes. Everyone is invited to attend this tournament and special invitations were sent to graduates of Haskell Institute, Chilocco and Sequoyah. Trophies will be awarded in first, second and third in each flight. A $25 tournament fee will include green fees.

For more information about the golf tournament, inquiries may be directed to Robert L. Curtis, chairman of the tournament committee by calling (918) 836-1227 or (918) 494-7915.

At 9 a.m., alumni will vote on their choice for Ms. Bacone Alumna, or members and families can sign up for bus tours to points of interest in the Muskogee area, which will include trips to Tahlequah, Fort Gibson and around the city of Muskogee. The tours are being coordinatd by Tommie Doyebi-Harris and Sharron Ahtone-Harjo, both of Oklahoma City.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Fair will open at 10 a.m. in the center of the college campus. Only handmade and authentic crafts will be sold or displayed at the fair. For information about setting up a crafts booth, contact Ruth James at (918) 683-4581.

A parade is scheduled at 1 p.m. for alumni association members. The parade route will be around the campus. Bill Barnett, of Shawnee, Okla., will coordinate the alumni parade.

A special forum titled "What's Happening at Bacone" will be held at 3 p.m. at the C.C. Harmon Nursing Facility. The forum will be moderated by Bacone Board of Trustees chairman, Reaves Nahwoosky, of Norman, Ok. The forum will address a broad range of issues topics concerning the current activities at the College, as well as plans for the future. Forum participants will include members of the Bacone Board of Trustees, members of the College administration and staff, and other knowledge individuals.

A reception for members of the 1985 class of graduating sophomores will be held at 7 p.m. at Wacoche Dining Hall. The reception will give graduates an opportunity to get acquainted with alumni association members.

Reflecting the college's strong American Indian hertiage, an honoring pow-wow will be held at 8:30 p.m. in honor of the Class of 1985 at the College tennis courts. George Kishketon, of Walters, Ok., will coordinate the pow-wow.

Registration will be held at 10 a.m. on May 18 at Ataloa Lodge. The Art and Crafts Fair will also open at 10 a.m. Baccalaureate services for graduating sophomores will begin at 11 a.m. at Memorial Chapel.

The annual alumni association business meeting will be held from 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. at Ataloa Lodge.

Commencement exercises for the the Class of 1985 will begin at 3 p.m. at Memorial Chapel. Oklahoma First Distrct Congressman James R. Jones will deliver the commencement address.

The annual Alumni Banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at Benjamin Wacoche Hall, on the college campus. Peter MacDonald, a Bacone graduate and former Navajo tribal chairman, will be the keynote speaker.

A menu of traditional Indian foods is planned for the banquet. Tickets for the banquet will cost $8.50 per person, and reservations can be made by contacting Roseanna Spinks, Office of Development, Bacone College, Muskogee,Ok. 74403, or by calling (918) 683-4581 ext. 224.

Alumni will gather at 9:30 a.m. on May 19 for coffee at the chapel basement. A special church service is scheduled for 10:45 a.m. at Memorial Chapel, which will include a program by former members of the Bacone Choir.

Oklahoma Indian Beauties Recently Chosen For 1985

The Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma chosen to serve 1985 is Karen Ahhaitty, a Kiowa-Ote and Caddo Indian from Yukon, Ok.

And the Creeks have done it again! Miss Audrey Barnett, Creek from Eufaula is the 1985 Miss Indian Oklahoma. Chosen, April 6 at Lincoln Plaza in Okla. City out of nine very beautiful, talented Indian contestants. The outgoing Miss Indian Oklahoma Leslie Barichello has been a very outstanding, welcomed everywhere and much in demand all over the nation, being a great representative of the Creek Tribe and we all need to support Audrey for she also is a lovely lady and great representative.

RICHARD CONNER

Richard Conner Takes Positive Outlook On Completing Education

Today's youth seem to keep a positive outlook on life. Take for instance Richard Conner or "Dutch" as he perfers to be called, whom we have written about in the past few months as having faced a very devastating tragedy.

Dutch was injured in September, 1984 and suffered a fractured vertabrae and spinal cord injury leaving him a quadraplegic. This fact has not undermined his determination to continue on with his life utilizing the mobility he has left and maintaining his interest in sports activities.

During the recent Green Country Wheelchair Sports Activities, held on April 6, 1985, Dutch participated in a few of the events, coming away with thrid place ribbons in the 60 and 100 meter wheelchair races and first place medal in the slolam.

Although he mainly just "checked things out" this year, he stated that he would participate in the swimming events and any others that he might be able to qualify for during next years' events.

Dutch wasted no time in getting back into the swing of things since his release from the Tulsa Rehabilitation Center on March 29 of this year. He was at school getting a schedule worked out with the Principal and by April 2 he was back in school full time.

A sophomore at Glenpool High School, he will probably attend summer school to maintain his class level, but from the looks of things he is overcoming many obstacles and regaining control of his life.

It's A Boy!

Charles Wayne Cheater, Jr.

Charles Wayne Jr. is the name selected by Charles and Teresa Bucktrot Cheater of Seminole, Ok. Charles Jr. was born Feb. 22 at Oklahoma Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Grandparents are Jim Noll of Pampa, Texas, Marie Noll of Sallisaw. The late Tony Bucktrot of Bristow, and Marie Duc of Seminole. Charles Jr. is also the great-great-grandson of the late Madison Bucktrot of Bristow.

Charles Jr. weighed in at eight pounds and six ounces.

February 7, 1985 Special Meeting:

CN National Council Approved Minutes

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson
CALL TO ORDER: Speaker Carney Roberts
ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with sixteen members attending this meeting of Thursday, February 7, 1985, at 6:30 p.m. in the Mound Building. It was considered that all business transacted during this session would be valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. One member being absent, Delburt Dunn.
ORDER OF BUSINESS:
(2-A) A Bill Amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-03 which authorizes the submission of Bids for the purchase of a building. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-03is hereby amended at Section 102 by deleting the following phrase: "and shall be established by Ordinance". The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bible to approve the BILL as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken as follows: thirteen in favor, two against and no abstentions, those abstaining Fox and Thomas. Motion carried Bill 2A was approved and will be recorded as such. (NCA 85-03)
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: A BILL (2B) (2C) (2D) (2E). The Chair entertained a motion to place the above BILLS on the Agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Bible and seconded Burden to place the BILLS on the agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor. Motion carried the BILLS were placed on the agenda for consideration by the National Council.
(2B) A Bill Authorizing the purchase of 640 acres of land for the Muscogee Nation. The Bill was considered as follows: Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands (640 acres more or less) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "Section 27, Township 14N, Range 13E in Okmulgee District of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation": **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend $1,000 per acres (one thousand dollars per acre) (more or less) plus acutal cost of closing the transaction all form Docket 21 or 276, for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. **Section 103.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title: The United States of American in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said Lands in Trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act". The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Beaver to approve Bill 2B as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, two against and no abstentions. Those against were: McIntosh and Fox. Motion carried. Bill 2B will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. (NCA 85-05).

(2C) A Bill authorizing the purchase of 3.73 acres for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands (3.73 acres more or less) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "The East 583.64 feet of the south 586 feet of the SE/4 NE/4 of Section 31-T14N-R13E less highway easements in Okmulgee Districts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend $100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) (more or less) plus actual cost of closing the transaction, all from Docket 21 or 276 for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. **Section 103.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title: The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hardridge and seconded by Bible to approve the Bill (2C). Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, three against and no abstentions, those against were: McIntosh, Fox and Cleghorn. Motion carried, Bill 2C was approved and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws (NCA 85-06).
2D A BILL authorizing the purchase of eighty acres for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (The west half of the SE/4 of S28, T14N R13). Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands (80 acres more or less) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. "The West half of the Southeast quarter (W/2 SE/4) of Section 28, Township 14 North, Range 13 East, in Okmulgee District of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend $1,000 per acre (more or less) plus actual cost of closing the transaction, all from Docket 21 or 276, for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. Section 103. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title. "The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act". The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Thomas to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, three against and no abstentions, those against were: McIntosh, Fox and Cleghorn. Motion carried Bill 2D was approved and will be recorded as such (NCA 85-07).

2E A Bill authorizing the purchase of eighty acres of land for the Creek Nation. (East half of the Southeast quarter of Section 28, T14N, R13E). Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described lands (80 acres more or less) for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation." The East half of the Southeast quarter (E/2 SE/4 or Section 28, Township 14N, Range 13East, in Okmulgee District of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend $1,000 (one thousand dollars) more or less plus actual cost of closing the transaction, all from Docket 21 or 276, for the purchase of lands described in Section 101. **Section 103. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian** Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 101 under the following title: "The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act". The Bill having been read, the chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Beaver to approve Bill 2E as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven in favor, three against and no abstentions, those against were: McIntosh, Fox and Cleghorn. Motion carried, Bill 2E was approved and will be recorded as such (NCA 85-08).
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunson to adjourn form this meeting. Upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

Dan Childers (right) is shown receiving a service award from Checotah Postmaster, Earl Butler, in commemoration of his retirement after 19 years with the U.S. Postal Service.

Childers Receives Postal Service Award

Dan Childers recently retired from his position as Postal Window Clerk at the Checotah Post Office after 19 years service. Childers began his work there shortly after retiring 23 years service with the U.S. Army in 1965.

Childers is Muscogee (Creek) and at one time held a position on the Creek Nation Agri-Business Board. He expressed his concern for keeping in close contact with the Tribe in all phases of tribal affairs. Dan and his wife reside in Checotah. One of their daughters, Dana Bledsoe, is employed with the Creek Nation Boarding School at Eufaula and the other, Robin Emerson, teaches for the Checotah Public Schools.

Childers was born and raised in the Checotah area, the son of the late Dora and Sauce Childers, both Creeks. He attended Deep Fork Hillabee Church and currently is involved in the Checotah Indian Community affairs.

CHIEF COX PRESENTS CHAIRMAN GEORGE HICKS WITH A CHARTER recognizing the Dewar Community at a recent meeting of the Dewar Indian Community.

February 23, 1985

CN National Council Approved Minutes

INVOCATION: Bill Burden

CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with sixteen members present, Larry Bible being absent.

READING OF MINUTES: December 29, 1984. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of December 29, 1984. A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Dunson to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, one abstention that being Cleghorn. Motion carried the Minutes of December 29, 1984 were approved and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

January 26, 1985: The Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes of January 26, 1985. A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Cleghorn to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor. Motion carried and the Minutes of January 26 will be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

February 7, 1985. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the February 7, 1985 minutes. A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Cloud to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor. Motion carried February 7 Minutes were recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: NEW BUSINESS.

(2F) A Bill Establishing Compensation/Reimbursement for members of the National Council. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that NCA 84-22 "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing Compensation/Reimbursement for members of the National Council" expired December 31, 1984. The National Council finds that compensation for the Council Members is governed by the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Article VI, Section 5 (A) which states: "The Muscogee (Creek) National Council member shall receive a compensation for his services, to be prescribed by Ordinance and paid out of the Treasury of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation." **Section 102. Compensation;** The compensation for the Muscogee (Creek) National Council member is hereby established at $3,000 (three thousand dollars) for attendance at the following classes of meetings not to exceed $250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) per month. A. Regular and Quarterly Meetings B. Planning Sessions. Any Council member may elect to receive a stipend in the amount of $50 (fifty dollars) for attendance per meeting in lieu of the established rate of compensation. **Section 103. Special Sessions and Committee Meetings.** Expense reimbursement for the Council members of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for Special Sessions called by the Principal Chief and Committee meetings approved by the National Council Speaker, are hereby established at $50 (fifty dollars) for attendance per meeting not to exceed $250 (two hundred and fifty dollars) per month. **Section 104. Mileage.** The National Council member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be reimbursed for mileage for attendance at meetings as established in Section 102 and 103 above. The mileage rate shall be consistent with the mileage rate established by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Mileage will be paid from point of departure (residence) to place of meeting and return to residence. **Section 105. Vouchers.** Vouchers shall be signed by each Council member to document their attendance at meetings. The vouchers will be recorded by the Secretary of the National Council. The National Council Speaker shall then approve each voucher to certify that the Council member attended that meeting. The Secretary shall retain copies of the approved vouchers and original of all disapproved vouchers. Approved vouchers shall be forwarded to the Controller for disbursement of funds. A. Documentation of vouchers. 1. Recorded and signed minutes 2. Documentation as required by the Speaker of the National Council. **Section 106. Reimbursement.** Expenses for travel and per diem for the Council member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for attendance at training sessions, seminars, orientations, symposiums and other official functions as deemed necessary for tribal legislators, with appropriate documentation approved by the Speaker, will be reimbursed. The reimbursement rate will be consistent with the reimbursement rate established by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 107. Funds Appropriated.** Funds appropriated by this ordinance are hereby authorized to be expended from the Tribal Budget. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cleghorn to approve Bill (2F) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor. Motion carried, Bill 2F will recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. (NCA 85-09)

(2G) A Bill Authorizing the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to submit a "Bid" and/or "Negotiate" a purchase contract for the Fountainhead Resort. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized and directed to submit a "Bid" and/or "Negotiate" a purchase contract for the Fountainhead Resort and premises. Section 102. Fountainhead Lodge. Lodge - 145,828 sq. ft., Duplexes - 9,200 sq. ft. (10x920 sq. ft.), Tree Houses - 1,581 sq. ft. (2x790.5 sq. ft.), Manager's Cabin - 1,552 sq. ft., Laundry - 960 sq. ft. Total square feet - 158,721. **Section 103. Description of Premises. McIntosh County. (For detailed land description contact your Council Representative). Section 104.** The Principal Chief is authorized to submit a "Bid" for ( ) and or "Negotiate" a purchase contract for $ plus actual cost of closing the transaction, for Fountainhead Resort and Premises described in Section 102 and 103. **Section 105.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 103 under the following title: The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cleghorn to table Bill (2G). Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill (2G) was tabled and will be recorded as such.

(2H) A Bill proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation regarding the number of Representatives authorized to serve on the National Council. The Bill was read and considered as follows. Section 101. Subject to the provision of Article IX of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Principal Chief shall refer to the voters of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for their approval or rejection, as in the manner provided by law, the following proposed Amendment to Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, to read as follows: Section 2. All legislative power herein shall be vested in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which shall consist of one (1) House with one (1) representative from each district, and one (1) additional representative for each 3,000 district citizens. (a) Each representative shall be elected by a vote of the district and shall hold office for two (2) years. (b) Each representative shall be a legal resident of his district. (c) No person shall be a representative who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) and hold full citizenship. (d) The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall elect from their number a Speaker, who shall preside over the Muscogee (Creek) National Council but shall have no vote unless the National Council be equally divided, and they shall choose a Second Speaker, who shall reside in absense of the Speaker. **Section 102.** The Ballot Title for the proposed Constitutional Amendment as set forth in Section 101 of this Ordinance shall be in the following form:

BALLOT TITLE

National Council Referendum No.

THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS:

Shall the Constitution Amendment amending Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation by changing the number of 1,000 district citizens to 3,000 district citizens, be approved by the people?

SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED?

YES, for the Amendment
NO, against the Amendment

Section 103. If the above question is ratified by two-thirds of the voters in the election held, the Principal Chief shall submit the amendment to the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, for approval or disapproval within ninety (90) days. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunson to approve the Bill 2H as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: eleven against, four in favor and no abstentions: Chupco - Yes, McIntosh - No, Stacy - No, Beaver - Yes, Dunn - No, Barnett - No, Burden - No, Hicks - No, Cleghorn - No, Cloud - No, Hardridge - No, Thomas - No, Fox - No, Dunson - Yes, Johnson - Yes. Motion did not carry. Bill 2H did not pass and will be recorded as such.

(2I) A Bill Approving a Business Lease covering property owned by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Business Lease between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Union Metal Corporation, Muskogee, Oklahoma is hereby approved for the following described lands: Lot 4, Block 353, City of Muskogee, Oklahoma (100'x200' residential lot). Section 102. The Lessee (Union Metal Corporation) will use the described lands for the following purpose: "Parking Lot". **Section 103.** The Lessee promises to pay $600.00 upon approval of lease and the amount of $600.00 yearly on the first day of the new year beginning on the 1st day of January, 1986, and ending on the 31st day of December 1989. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Burden to approve the Bill 2I as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bill 2I will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

(2J) A Bill approving a Tribal House Lease covering property owned by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Section 101. The Tribal House Lease between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Fell Wiley, of Rt. 1 Hanna, Oklahoma is hereby approved for the following land and premises: Tribal House, outbuildings, and barn that lie south of house and one acre on which they are located in the W/2 NW SW of Section 4-T8N-R14E, McIntosh County, Oklahoma. **Section 102.** The lessee (Fell Wiley) promises to pay $20.00 monthly on the first day of each month during the full term of this lease which begins on the first day of January, 1985 and will end on the 31st day of December 1989. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. *A "DO PASS" was made by the Committee on Tribal Affairs. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Burden to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

(2K) A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance NCA 84-23 Authorizing the "Expansion of Head Start Program to Okmulgee". The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-23, as amended is hereby further amended at Section 153, (2) (d) by adding the following: "Expansion of Head Start Program to Okmulgee". **Section 102.** Upon amendment of NCA 84-23, Section 153, the Secretary shall be required to compile an amended version and the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall be required to execute original signatures to the amended versions of said Ordinance. Motion carried BILL 2K was approved as read and will be recorded as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

(2L) A Bill amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-30 which adopts the Judicial Code of 1982; and 2M Bill supporting the Oklahoma City Area Health Board's By-Laws and Constitution. The Chair entertained a motion to place these itesms on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Hicks to place the above items on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. BILLS (2L and 2M) were placed on the agenda for consideration as follows: **(2L) A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-30 which adopts the Judicial Code of 1982. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-30 is hereby amended at Section 265 (A) (B) and Section 287 (A) as follows: Section 265. Filing Fee; Transmittal Fee. A. Filing Fees. There shall be a thirty dollar (30.00) filing fee for District Court Cases. B. Transmittal Fee. The Cost of Transmitting a record on appeal is five dollars (5.00). Section A. Filing Fees. There shall be a fifty dollar (50.00) fee for appeals to the Supreme Court. These fees must be paid to the clerk of the District Court, unless waived as provided for under this chapter. The provisions under Section 280, for in Forma Pauperis, shall apply to District Court filing fees for indigent persons. **Section 102.** The Secretary shall execute an original copy of NCA 84-30 as amended by this Ordinance; and the speaker of the National Council and the Principal Chief shall sign the amended ordinance. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. Second time: The Chair entertained a motion. Third time: No motion. Bill (2L) died from lack of action.

(2M) A Bill supporting the Oklahoma City Area Health Board's By-Laws and Constitution are established to provide the following objectives: 1. An organized voice and participation in determining Indian Health Service Policies. 2. To secure to ourselves and our descendents and Tribes the rights and benefits to which we are, or may subsequently become, entitled under the laws of the United States of America. 3. To promote the common welfare and health of the American Indians. Section 102. Therefore, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation supports the By-Laws and Constitution of the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Chupco to approve the Bill (2M) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill (2M) was approved as read and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

Announcements, Reports, etc. Planning Session, March 19, 1985, 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: A motion made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval.

Benediction: Chupco

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June 14-15, 1985

Performances Start 8 p.m. Nightly!

$3,600 ADDED MONEY

-TROPHY BUCKLES AWARDED-

Buckles Designed By Robert Yellow Hair

EVENT	ADDED MONEY	ENTRY FEE
Saddle Bronc Riding	$500	$50
Bareback Bronc Riding	$500	$50
Bull Riding	$500	$50
Barrel Racing	$500	$50
Calf Roping	$500	$50
Steer Wrestling	$500	$50
Team Roping Change Partners Enter Twice	$500	Per Man $50

Books Open June 12, 8 a.m. - Close 8 p.m. - Phone: 918/266-2468

Entry Fee Includes $5 Office Charge!

Stock Contractor: Rice Rodeo Company, Beggs Oklahoma
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Run-Off Election Scheduled June 29 For Creek 2nd Chief

By Helen Chalakee

The race for Creek Second Chief is still on. A Run-Off Election is scheduled for Saturday, June 29 between Perry Beaver, Tulsa District Representative to the Creek Nation Council and Bill Fife, former Creek Nation employee.

Beaver led the May 25 primary returns with 1,186 (40%) of the total 2,936 votes. Fife followed with 1,071 (36%). Thomas McIntosh came in with 437 (15%) and Kenneth Childers trailed with 242 (8%).

According to our Creek Constitution, before a candidate can be declared winner, they must retain 50 per cent, plus one vote. This ordinance creates a lengthy campaign effort on the candidate's part when a run-off becomes necessary; however it gives the voters a more concentrated look at the merits of just two candidates.

Many of the voters live within the confines of the Creek Nation boundary and vote in one of the 17 designated precincts. Those who live within the boundary also have the option of voting an absentee ballot. All Creeks living outside the Creek Nation are automatically designated absentee voters and should return their ballot as quickly as possible to assure their vote reaches the Creek Nation Election Board by June 29.

Creek voter registration will close June 18 for this election. To become a registered voter, you must have a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) card and be enrolled as a citizen of the Creek Nation. Being enrolled does not make you automatically eligible to vote in tribal elections. For that eligibility, you must register with the Creek Nation Election Board. So if you are enrolled, but not registered, contact the Election Board for a registration form. Fill out the form and return it to the Election Board before June 18 and you can vote in the next election.

Many absentee ballots were returned from the May 25 election for lack of a forwarding address. If your address has changed, or if a registered member of your family is now deceased, please forward this information to the Creek Nation Election Board, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or phone Juliene Stone at 918/756-8700.

TULSA DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE PERRY BEAVER congratulates Sapulpa Head Start students on completing the program. Beaver's council committee promoted the Sapulpa Head Start project for start up of the program.

Beaver Proposes Legislation To Pay Creek Medical Debts

By Helen Chalakee

Legislation to assist tribal citizens in the payment of 'Specialty Care' medical bills was introduced to the Creek National Council May 30 by Tulsa District Representative Perry Beaver.

The Bill proposes to appropriate $300,000 of the Creek Nation Bingo revenue to offset the burden on the Creek people who have been charged with overwhelming health care debts that our Creek Nation Health Program could not take care of because of lack of funds due to federal cutbacks.

Beaver said he chose the revenue from the tribally owned Bingo because the money has been generated entirely by the Creek Nation without federal aid. He feels the Bingo revenue is an important factor to the self-sufficiency of our people.

Beaver stressed, "We are in the people business here at Creek Nation. Certainly some of the Bingo money needs to be reinvested into other money making projects to insure a strong economic base; but at the same time, what good is a strong economic base if our people are hurting."

"Most of the people owing the medical bills are in two categories, the elderly and the children, neither are in the position to earn money to pay for health service," he said. "I feel it is my responsibility as a tribal official to guarantee everyone has an equal opportunity to good health. I don't want to see any of our people deprived because of burdensome health care debts," Beaver added.

The legislation was assigned jointly to Beaver's Committee on Human Development and Representative Chupco's Committee on Community Services. Beaver urges tribal citizens to contact their District Representatives and request they support the passage of the ordinance titled, "Programming and Appropriating Bingo Revenues to Assist Tribal Citizens in the Payment of Medical Bills.

Read The Proposed Legislation in its entirety on page 3.

CREEK NATION FESTIVAL
JUNE 14 & 15

Creek Festival/ Rodeo Set June 14-16

Creek Nation Annual Festival and Rodeo will be held June 14-16. The Festival will include the Olympics, Rodeo, Golf Tournament, Men's Fast-Pitch and Women's Slow-Pitch softball tournaments, other competitive sports events, food, childrens games and arts and crafts.

The 11th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo will be held June 14-15 at the Creek Nation Rodeo Arena, with performances beginning at 8:00 p.m.

Events featured include Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Bull Riding, Barrel Racing,Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling and Team Roping events.

Junior Steer Riding and Junior Barrel Racing will allow those 14 years of age and younger to compete. Senior Calf Roping competition is scheduled for Oldtimers, 50 years of age and older.

The McAlester Prison Band will provide rodeo music both nights and a Stomp dance will follow Friday night's performance. Jake Whitecrow and John Gobert are slated to announce. The Stock contractor for the Rodeo will be Rice Rodeo Company of Beggs.

Prize money includes $500 added money for each event. Trophy bel buckles, designed by Robert Yellow Hair, will be awarded as well.

Books will open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., June 12. Contestant entry can be made by calling 1-918-266-2468.

(See **FESTIVAL/RODEO** page 3)

NOTICE

The Creek Nation Office of Community Research and Development Administration staff will meet at the Henryetta Public Library at 6th and Main on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the organization of an Indian Community Organization for Henryetta residents.

The main goals of the organizational meeting is to select a Constitution and By-Laws Committee, to set a regular meeting date, time and place and to develop a membership and mailing list.

All Creek Indians are encouraged to attend this organizational meeting at the library. For further information contact Steve Landsberry, 756-8700.

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Dear Muscogee Nation News,

I am in the process of compiling a history and geneology of the descendents of Benjamin Perryman, through his children, Lydia, Susan (McKellop), Moses, Lewis, Columbus "Christy," Samuel, Henry and James. I need some help to establish some relationships and collecting more stories and histories to help make this record as complete and accurate as possible. I would love to hear from anyone who is a descendant of this family, which includes; Atkins, Beaver, Bell, Brown, Burnett, Burgess, Buster, Craig, Davis, Drew, Fry, Godwin, Grayson, Harris, Hodge, Jefferson, McElroy, McKellop, Morrison, Orcutt, Partridge, Perryman, Porter, Postoak, Sapulpa, Smiley, Strovelle, Tiger, Winslett, Yargee and many others.

In Georgia and Alabama I am interested in the John Winslett, John Ward, and Lachlan McGillivray families and the Benjamin Perryman connection to David Perryman. I would also like to learn about Benjamin's brother Sam and if he had any descendants.

Sincerely,
Joan Case
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Dear MNN,

It is with a great deal of regret that we announce the end of the MBA-Tribal Management Program at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah,Ok.

With the end of the 1985 Spring Semester, NSU will drop the MBA-Tribal Management Program. Low enrollment and lack of interest in the Program from the Indian community has been cited as the reasons for the program's discontinuance.

We wish the best to those other Universities which are trying to maintain similar programs; Washington University at Seattle, Haskell Indian Junior College at Lawrence, Kansas and others with similar graduate or undergraduate programs.

We encourage interested students, potential students, and tribal governments to contact and support these other institutes of higher education who are trying to provide Indian people with highly trained and educated Indian people with highly trained and educated Indian people to run our own tribal entities.

For undergraduate study in tribal management, Haskell Indian Junior College is starting a new program iln tribal management. For graduate study in tribal management, the University of Washington in Seattle has a graduate program.

Sincerely,
Donald J. Bread, Director

Note of Thanks...

I would like to take this time to thank Chief Cox and all the staff at Creek Nation for a wonderful retirement reception and gifts. Also a special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Arrington, Martha McCombs, Della McQueen Steve Wilson and staff.

It has been a pleasure working with a bunch of wonderful kids.

Thanks again, I love each and everyone of you.

Stella

PUBLIC NOTICE

REVENUE SHARING BUDGET

A budget hearing will be held on June 20, 1985 for all interested citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The following budget is proposed for fiscal year 1985.

Category	Total of all funds
Tribal Government	$3,873,689
Economic Development	2,823,457
Health	4,547,724
Vocational Training	771,177
Education	2,932,176
Planning & Research	110,421
Community Development	1,507,958
Human Services	2,234,601
Total	18,801,203

REVENUE SHARING BUDGET FY-85

National Council	6,500
Creek Nation Riding Club	1,000
Creek Nation Real Property & Facilities	132,500

The meeting will be held at the Mound Building, Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget at 2:00 p.m. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.

Dear Creek Nation,

I wish to express my appreciation to you for the grant extended to me in helping to complete my first year of college expenses,at John Brown University. I am planning to attend JBU again in future years to complete a Bachelors Degree in Psychology. I am interested in getting a job as a school counselor somewhere in California while I work with the Ministry of Lambs Players, which is a non-profit organization I am very interested in Christian Dramatics. I am currently involved in the school company for drama. This is called Icthus. We are non-profit organization that travels in the regions of Oklahoma and Arkansas doing plays and skits.

I think you should be commended for helping the Indian youth of America, to further their education. Thank you and God bless you for all the help that you've provided me with!

Love through Christ, our Lord
Susan Lee

Creek Nation Riding Club

The Creek Nation Riding Club was organized at a meeting held May 16 at the Complex. The officers elected were; Adam Thomas-President; Roy Roberts-Vice-President; Patsy Pigeon-Secretary and Lerena Roberts, Treasurer. The Board of Directors are; Adam Thomas, Glenn Jones, Floyd Jones, Camey Roberts and Harry Douglas.

There will be more details on the Club in the next issue of MNN.

Dear Editor,

I am a senior whom attends the Creek Nation Boarding School. My name is Russell Footracer. I am not a Creek Indian but I read your monthly issue of the "Muscogee Nation News." I am a Seminole/Navajo.

I take great pride in my Indian heritage. With today's conflicts among the American Indians and the white man's society, it is extremely difficult for "US" to be who we are, that is "American Indians." When the white man took away our land, customs, and pride, they took away our dreams, hopes, and our future. We as Native Americans are getting back what was ours in the first place. The non-white are using every law in the book to keep us from retaining what is rightfully ours.

There is a lot of discrimination against Indians everywhere. I just wish the white man would put theirselves in our shoes, and live on our monthly income, and see if they can manage.

I guess I stated enough about the "White Man's World." So I'll be closing. I would like to request a place in your monthly paper for a poem that I wrote while attending here at Eufaula Dormitory. Thank you for your time and keep up the good work on the paper.

Respectfully Yours,
Russell Footracer

"AMERICAN INDIANS"

My heart aches for the love
I once shared
With the many friends
who really cared.

My heart aches for happiness
I once treasured;
The happiness I experienced
that couldn't be measured.

My heart aches for unity
which I will never see,
The white man of today, will
never understand me.

For I am an American Indian,
who stands proud;
The voices of tomorrow speaks
out loud.

The dreams of the Indians
no longer appear
Living with prosperity is
their biggest fear.

The Indians will climb to
the top of the ladder,
What the white man says
will not matter.

Walking the white man's way
is not so fun,
But still, in our hearts, we know
American Indians are No. 1. . .

NOTE OF THANKS

"Thou shalt open thy hand wide unto thy brother." Deuteronomy 15:11.

This is what so many of you have done to help our brother, Kenneth Lewis. We wish to especially thank the membership of Thewarthle Baptist Church for the use of their dining hall, and also to all who prepared and donated food. Many came to eat, regardless of the detour and we are grateful to them. Friends are a precious commodity and they have certainly enriched our lives. Thanks to all.

The Lewis Family

Proposed Legislation To Offset Creek Citizen Medical Debts

May 30, 1985

Carney Roberts, Speaker
National Council
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF A BILL FOR PROGRAMMING AND APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUES TO ASSIST TRIBAL CITIZENS IN THE PAYMENT OF MEDICAL BILLS

Attached is a bill which I believe will be of great benefit to many of our citizens who have, in the past, been overwhelmed by medical bills. I feel this will rectify a situation which was caused by funding limitations on the part of the federal government.

I am requesting that the bill be assigned jointly to the Committee on Community Services and the Committee on Human Development.

I am looking forward to working with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Perry Beaver

Perry Beaver
Second Speaker

A BILL

TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL

____
(DATE OF INTRODUCTION)

INTRODUCED BY: Perry Beaver, Second Speaker

COMMITTEE ON: Human Development, Chairman

A BILL

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION PROGRAMMING AND APPROPRIATING BINGO REVENUES TO ASSIST TRIBAL CITIZENS IN THE PAYMENT OF MEDICAL BILLS

Section 100: Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled:

Section 101: Findings: The National Council finds that:

A. As in the case of all Indian Health Service operated facilities, the federal government has not sufficiently funded the tribal health care program to meet the need for services from providers outside the tribal system. These services are referred to as "Specialty Care" or "Contract Health" services.

B. In the past, due to inadequate federal funding levels, tribal members were responsible for payment for referred services when the limited federal funds had been fully expended.

C. The Creek Nation Bingo has been successful in providing Tribal revenue totaling $425,754.53, including interest, since November, 1984.

D. It is the intent of the tribal government to use such revenue to meet the health, social and economic needs of our people.

Section 102; The National Council hereby approves, authorizes, and appropriates the following:

A. An initial appropriation from bingo revenues totaling $300,000.00 is hereby authorized to assist tribal members who have received services for which payment has not been authorized by the tribal government due to federal funding limitations.

B. The Office of the Administration, Division of Community Services, shall develop guidelines and priorities to expedite the implementation of this program.

C. The Principal Chief may request additional funds by Ordinance if supplemental funds are required.

Beaver Thanks Voters!

Perry Beaver

The Second Chief election held May 25 has resulted in a run-off election set for Saturday, June 29. I am expressing my sincere appreciation to all those who voted for me. Your votes allowed me to be the leading vote-getter with 40 per cent of the total votes.

Again, I am asking for your support in the run-off election because I now realize, as a result of this campaign, how much confusion and distortion is being created through half-truths and tongue-in-cheek method.

Our Creek Tribe is on the threshold of being physically able to take care of our people through our own economic capabilities. Now, more than ever, we need clear vision and thinking to plan our future. We have battles to be fought outside our tribe. Fighting among ourselves will only hinder us in becoming victorious.

While serving on the Creek National Council, I have always evaluated every issue on whether it was right for the majority of the people. I have never allowed my personal likes or dislikes to determine how I vote on legislation.

I want you to know some of the benefits I have helped provide for the Creek people through my votes on the National Council.

1.As Chairman of the Human Development Committee, my committee developed the guidelines for our Educational Scholarship Program for Creeks living across the United States.

2. I led the effort to expand the Creek Nation Head Start Program to extend preschool service to our children.

3. My committee assesed the taking over of operations of the Eufaula Dormitory and recommended the Council approve contracting the facility to give our Creek children a better chance.

4. I voted **"YES"** for tribal funds to be distributed to our original allottees. The Council did not pass on this action, therefore, no payment has been made to them.

I believe the elderly need our help and support, and we should not deny them of supplemental income. **I plan not to give up on this matter and try to negotiate the passage of this Bill through the Council.**

A good sound tribal government can only be assured through your vote. **YOUR VOTE DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** I am asking for your vote and support for Second Chief on June 29.

Respectfully,
PERRY BEAVER

FESTIVAL/RODEO

Continued. . .

For audience participation, a $100 cash drawing and a 50/50 pot drawing will be held each night. The kids can try their luck at the Calf Scramble for cash prizes, too.

Gate admission is $5 for adults and $2 for children under 12. Advance adult tickets can be purchased from Rodeo committee members at $4 each.

The Festival begins with the Olympics to be held on the 14th at 8 a.m. at Harmon Stadium. Indian youth from all over the state will compete in the Olympics for medals in track and field events.

The Men's Fast-Pitch and Women's Slow-Pitch softball tournament will be held on the 14th at the newly-completed softball fields at the Creek Nation Sports Omniplex, located west of Highway 75 on the north side of Loop 56. The Men's tournament will feature 48 all-Indian teams from Florida, Texas, Kansas and Oklahoma. The Women's tournament will be open for mixed teams with 32 teams competing. Steve Wilson is the coordinator for the tournaments.

The Annual Creek Nation Festival Golf Tournament will be held at Fountainhead State Park near Eufaula on June 15-16.

There will be six flights-Championship A,B,C,D, Women Qualifying Round on Saturday with tee times 7:00-12 noon. (There will be no entries accepted after 12:00 p.m. Saturday).

Entry fee is $35 which includes Green Fee. For more information call 1-918-756-8700, ext. 253.

The Tennis Tournament, supervised by Lucien Berryhill will begin Saturday morning in the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital park.

The Volleyball tournament will be coed and limited to 16 teams. There is a $40 entry fee. Bunny Hill is the coordinator of the tournament.

Other games and events include: Horse Shoe which is open to men and women and teams. Childrens games, coordinated by Jay Buckner, will be held west of the buildings at the Creek Nation Complex.

Arts and Crafts booth space is available for Indian communities. There is no charge for churches and $50 for all others. Contact Bob Herrod for booth information, as well as information about the Food booths. There is a $100 charge for space (with no electricity or water provided.)

For more information about the Festival, contact Steve Wilson, Manager of the Creek Nation Community Services at (918) 756-8700.

'Stickball...

STICKBALL PLAYER, BILLY HILL, is captured in action as he hurtles the ball toward it's mark at the top of the pole. This version of stickball is played between the men and women and precedes the Soup Drink ceremony held at the Tallahassee Ceremonial Ground at Raiford as part of the Summer ceremonial activities held at the various grounds throughout the Creek Nation.

CAREFUL PREPARATIONS ARE MADE FOR THE SERVING OF SOUP DRINK, during the traditional ceremonies held at Tallahassee Stomp Ground. Here the ceremonial food is transferred by the men into the Chief's arbor. The Soup Drink ceremony initiates the Summer ceremonials at the Ground.

Tallahassee Stomp Ground Prepares for Summer Ceremonials

By Kathryn Bell

On the last Sunday in April, the members of the Tallahassee Stomp Ground enjoyed a welcome respite from the chilly, wet weather and at the same time, made preparations for the Summer's traditional ceremonies that are observed at the Ground each year. On this day, a friendly game of stickball is played by the men and women prior to the taking of the Soup Drink (a ceremonial soup made of fresh meat and corn).

Sam Proctor, the Ground's Chief's speaker, explained the day's events; "After a game of stickball, the women bring all the food made of corn - sofky, cornbread stuffing, blue dumplings - and set it out in a spot outside the chief's arbor (bed). The women and Children eat first, then the food is transferred by the men into the Chief's arbor," continued Proctor, "we then feed arbor by arbor, with the Chief's arbor eating last."

The Chief of the Tallahassee Ground is Lewis Proctor. The various clans are represented in the two arbors apart from the Chief's arbor.

At some point during the day's events, with the day designated as member's day - the month, day and time is set by the Chief for the coming ceremonial events which are scheduled for the summer. At this meeting, the dates for the taking of medicine are set by the Chief and the Medicine Man. Once the date for taking medicine is established, the ceremonial details of medicine taking are observed, which include fasting and abstinance from certain practices that are inappropriate for members to partake of during the duration of the seven unbroken day period (four days preceding medicine taking and four days following). This rule, according to Proctor, must be strictly observed - failure to follow the rule would endanger the welfare of the members.

All facets of the ceremonial activities are symbolic in nature - "Even the distance of the fire from the pole is significant," said Proctor, who continued, describing the tradition of the sacred fire prior to the Green Corn Festival, "When we lay the green logs used to rekindle the fire - they will be arranged in a cross-like placement with the logs radiating out from the sacred fire in the four directions - which are symbolic of the time we were free to roam across the face of the land in all directions, from sea to sea..."

Proctor remarked that in earlier traditions, the people of the ground would watch for a particular evening star to commence their ceremonials.

Explaining the spiritual nature of the ceremonies observed by the Creek people - ways which have been observed and which have endured from the time of the Creeks removal from their ancestral lands - Proctor said, "We believe in the Great Spirit - One our people called "Overseer" because they had no word for God. We do these things in praise of Him - our sacred smoke ascends into heaven and He returns it in blessings to our people..."

During the summer ceremonials, stickball games will be held at every meeting of the Ground. Soup Drink will be observed in the Spring and again in October. The Green Corn Festival, the highlight of the summer ceremonials, is usually held in midsummer, throughout the Creek Nation ceremonial grounds. Tallahassee Ground will observe their Green Corn Festival the third week in July.

In the week before Green Corn, a boundary for the ceremonial ground will be established, with everything done by fasting in reverence to the ground in preparing for the Festival.

The Green Corn Festival to the Creeks represent a time for renewal as as well as forgiveness of any faults and disagreements that may have occurred between members during the year. Essentially, last year's slate is wiped clean and the new year can be looked forward to with renewed optimism.

A sense of wellbeing was evident among the people of the Tallahassee Ground as they gathered to observe *what remains of a rich heritage of* traditional Creek life - these timeless traditions that have always meant strength and unity to the people and which have brought a sense of balance and harmony to their lives.

Tallahassee has only been active during the last six years. The last use of the ground approximately in 1905.

GREETINGS FROM MORNING STAR MINISTRIES

We have indeed seen how our Lord has lead us and not man in the past month. How He never forsook us. How He showed us signs and wonders because we believed in His word.

I would like to share some things with you as far as our children in the Indian schools are concerned. Not too long ago we went to a school in western Oklahoma, to minister in song and word. We saw God move in a great and mighty way. But what planted in my heart was a young boy that came in late. One of the counselors brought him over to me. He started asking for forgiveness, he said he had to work late at the school and didn't want to miss anything that God had to offer. He kept saying I don't want to miss my blessing from God, this he said over and over. It wasn't right or fair, he said "that I miss my blessing, it just isn't right". Well although he missed the music ministry part, he did not miss Gods' holy word which gives us life. I knelt at his feet and prayed with him and as I held his hand in mine the Holy Spirit moved on us in such a way, that my sorrowful feeling for him became joy and his feeling of sadness became happiness. That's what you call the wonders of God. Because, don't you see he received his blessing he was determined to receive what God had to offer. He wasn't going to let satan take it from him. He was blessed, I was blessed and you are blessed by his boldness and not shyness. Don't let our so called "Indian ways or shyness" keep you from missing out on Gods' promises. There is said to be 8,800 promises of God in the Holy Bible. Just remember it is written if we are ashamed of Him, He will be ashamed of us.

God bless you all,

Negiel Bigpond

Little Coweta Baptist Church

Dear Co-Laborers;

You are cordially invited to attend the Centennial Celebration of the Little Coweta Baptist Church to be held in Lenna, Oklahoma, June 26 - 30. We will have an "Oldtimer's Day" that Friday, plus Dedication Ceremonies for our building on Saturday and Ordination Service on Sunday. Evening Worship services will be held Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

Indian Alcoholism Study Conducted

Four main differences between American Indians and non-Indian drinkers are Indians consume much larger quanities of alcohol at each sitting, they drink more frequently, they almost never drink alone, and few express any guilt about their abusive drinking.

These differences have been reported by Dr. James O. Whittaker, a social psychologist at the Capitol Campus of the Pennsylvania State University. For the past 23 years, he has investigated both sociological and biomedical explanations in the mystery of the notorious problem of alcohol consumption among American Indians.

In 1961, he conducted the first systematic study of alcohol use and dependence by Indians. That study, he notes, was undertaken only eight years after Indians were legally permitted to purchase alcohol. Prohibition was in effect for Indians from the late 1800's until 1953.

Still, all his findings support his initial conclusion: alcohol abuse among American Indians is no myth.

Within the four differences expressed earlier, the final two findings - group drinking and no guilt - are not attributes of Caucasion alcoholics.

When other studies came up with the same two results, some researchers concluded that alcoholism was rare among Indians.

"Although many in the scientific community chose not to label Indian problem drinkers as "alcoholics," the truth of the matter is that alcohol use and abuse is a critical problem among the Indian population," Dr. Whittaker says.

In a follow-up study with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe in 1981, he found alcohol problems to be much worse than he discovered in the 1961 study.

Sioux women having drinking problems had significantly increased along with guilty feelings about alcohol abuse -- a standard Caucasian alcoholism symptom -- were highly reported, he discovered. Still Indians tended to drink in groups, which continues to cause some researchers to speculate that alcoholism isn't an Indian problem, he adds.

Dr. Whittaker's findings seem to tell another story: 62 percent of the Indians surveyed reported blackouts as a result of drinking 70 percent said they couldn't stop drinking once they started, 17 percent said they were preoccupied with drinking and 52 percent reported arrests for intoxication.

The death rate for alcoholic cirrhosis among American Indians is five times higher than all other races in the U.S., Dr. Whittaker discovered. One out of every four deaths of Indian women in the 35 to 44 age bracket is due to alcoholic cirrhosis, he says.

"As to the social consequences, divorce, marital problems, fights and child abuse have increased."

He focuses heavily on psychological variables for explaining the Indian drinking problem. One of which is in the Sioux culture which supports the suppression of feelings as a sign of strength. This follows the widespread belief that among alcoholics you frequently find persons who have trouble handling anger and aggression, Whittaker adds.

It is the Sioux, he explains, who perform the Sun Dance ceremony, in which a young boy is initiated into manhood in part through a ritual that involves being suspended by leather thongs imbedded in his chest. The young man must endure the pain without expressing any outward sign of emotion.

Given this background, alcohol becomes an easy outlet so emotions can go unseen, Whittaker adds.

"The Sioux Tribe, I have been studying were a proud, self-sufficient, nomadic, warrior tribe who under the leadership of their chief, Sitting Bull, were one of the main Indian forces in the massacre of Custer's Seventh Calvary at Little Big Horn," he says. "Today, not many generations later, the tribe is confined to a reservation, with no more hunting and warfare and no release for their anger and aggressive feelings, and their culture says they are to be strong and unemotional. For them, alcohol has become a release for a life that is a disaster."

Thus, Whittaker believes, alcohol abuse among American Indians is closely tied to cultural characteristics and can be related to dramatic lifestyle changes that occurred when a proud, independent, brave people became dependents of the federal government through no choice of their own.

Choctaws Negotiate Consider Purchase

The Choctaw Indians of Oklahoma have been negotiating for purchase of 180 miles of railroad tracks and right-of-way from Perry, Arkansas to McAlester, Oklahoma.

Chief Hollis Roberts said the purchase cost has been negotiated with the Chicago Pacific Railroad, which was set up to dispose of the holdings of the bankrupt Rock Island Lines. He said no decision had been made to make the purchase, where to place the headquarters or who to appoint to run the railroad.

Assistant Chief Greg Pile said more meetings with company officials were needed and "we still have to sit down with the council and chief and have at least a number of different meetings." David Donoley, a former Rock Island employee who has been active in the negotiations, said the purchase would stimulate the economy and provide jobs for the Choctaws. He noted that the tracks run "through the heart of Choctaw Nation." He said the Choctaws hope to induce industry to locate along the line, which would be subcontracted to other rail users.

A Chamber of Commerce executive at Booneville, Arkansas said if the Indians buy the tracks and restore service to the town, it would "be the greatest thing that has ever happened to us." She said several industries in the town would use the line.

STELLA ROBERTS ACCEPTS A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION from Chief Cox for her dedicated service while in the employment of Creek Nation. Mrs. Roberts was honored at a Reception held May 17th at the Complex and was attended by CN employees, Mrs. Roberts family and friends. She retired from the CN Community Services Department after eight years of service, as a Community Organization Specialist.

Stella Roberts Honored at CN Reception

A reception honoring Stella Roberts was held May 17 3:00 p.m. at the Creek Nation Complex dining hall.

Honoring Mrs.Roberts in the cake and punch reception were, Creek Nation employees, Mrs.Roberts family and friends. Principal Chief Claude Cox presented Mrs.Roberts with a certificate of appreciation for her years of dedication service to the Creek Nation.

Stella began work in the Community Services Department under Steve Wilson as a Community Coordinator and later became a Community Organization Specialist which she has held for the past eight years.

Manager Wilson praised Mrs. Roberts dedication to her job and to the Creek people - *"Stella has always* tried to help the Creek people, she has had a heart for them and is one of them." Wilson also stated that Mrs. Roberts has been an asset to the department not only because of the love for the people but also because of her ability to speak the Creek language and for her input into making the Community Services a strong and vital program at Creek Nation for the benefit of the Indian communities it serves.

Johnson - O'Malley Summer Workshops

The Johnson O'Malley Summer Workshop schedule is as follows: June 10-14 - BEGINNING COMPUTER — East Central University, Ada, OK - students should have an interest in learning to develop skills in the use of the microcomputer.Students should be in grades 9-12 for the 1985-86 school year.Title IV-A Indian students may participate at a cost of $245.00 which includes a $15 stipend for the student, pays for workshop supplies, room and board; June 18-21 - ART SEMINAR - Oklahoma University, Norman, Ok - Students should either be an advanced artist or one that has talent and skills in art and be serious about advancing their art skills. Students should be in grades 10-12 for the 1985-86 school year. Title IV-A Indian students may participate at a cost of $260.00 which includes a $15 stipend for the student, pays for workshop supplies, room and board; June 24-26- PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR— Oklahoma University, Norman, Ok -Activities to help students with career planning. Activities will include work in Career Assessment Center at OU, American College Testing (ACT)preparatory booklet training, Guidance Information System (GIS)training information on vocations, financial aids, two-year colleges, four-year colleges and Vital Information on Education and work (VIEW); July 9-12 - PARAPROFESSIONAL - Oklahoma University, Norman, Ok - Emphasis will be on training in Suggested Learner Outcomes. Title IV-A staff may attend for a cost of $245.00 to cover workshop supplies, room and board, miscellaneous expenses, and a stipend; July 15-19 - ADVANCED COMPUTER — East Central University, Ada, Ok - Students must have a working knowledge of a computer. Students should have at a minimum one of the following: attended the beginning computer class at East Central University, completed a course in computer training, or worked extensively with a computer of their own or one in their community. Title IV—A students may attend at a cost of $245.00 which includes a $15 stipend for the student, pays for workshop supplies and room and board.Students should be in grades 10-12 for the 1985-86 school year; and July 29-31 - LEADERSHIP — Oklahoma University, Norman, Ok - Emphasis will be on career planning. Students should be juniors and seniors for the 1985-86 school year. Title IV-A Indian students may participate at a cost of $225.00 which includes a $15 stipend for the student, pays for workshop supplies, room and board.

Registration will be from 9:00-10:30 a.m. with the first session beginning at 11:00 a.m. on the first day for each workshop. There will be no charge for J.O.M. students. Contact Ron West, State Dept. of Education, Indian Education Section - Phone - 405-521-3311.

VOTE! JUNE 29th!

Headstart Little Olympics...

TAKING A BROAD JUMP FOR VICTORY, Zachary McCulley, Creek Nation Head Start students, bounds toward the mark at the 6th Annual Creek Nation Little Olympics, held in April at the Yeager Head Start Center.

Little Olympics Held at Yeager Center

On April 20, over 200 preschoolers, accompanied by their parents, convened at the Yeager Head Start Field for an exciting morning of competition in the 6th Annual Creek Nation Little Olympics.

The Head Start Centers participating were; Yeager Head Start, Eufaula Head Start, the Twin Rivers Head Start Centers from Holdenville, Calvin and Okemah and the Chickasaw Nation Head Start.

The competition began at 10 a.m. The events were divided into 3,4, and 5 year-old classes. The events included 3-40-50 yd. Dash; 30-40-50 yd. Hurdles, Broad Jump and Relay.

An event that was added this year was a Parent-Staff Relay. (yes, we did have parents and staff that could really run!) Holdenville received First Place; Yeager - Second Place; Eufaula - Third Place; and Chickasaw Nation - Fourth Place. Ribbons were awarded to all participants and each center received a trophy.

To the Voters of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation
Dear Creek Voters;

I want to thank you for the strong support which I received in the May 25, 1985 Primary Election for Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The results show that I received over 44% of the precinct votes cast by resident voters within the Creek Nation. This is very encouraging.

One of the greatest concerns of the Creek People today is Contract Health Care which is administered through the Creek Nation Hospital. I have actively urged members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council to introduce legislation to pay the hospital bills of Tribal Citizens who have been billed for health services which were originally referred by our Health Care Administrators. However, in addition to any legislation, I hope our Tribal Government will actively seek solutions to the Health Care Problems which we face so that they will not reoccur.

In relation to other Tribal Matters; I am against the reduction of District Representation: I believe that Tribal Towns, Churches, and Ceremonial Grounds should receive fair and equal consideration when Tribal services and benefits are involved; and to better communicate with Tribal Citizens our Tribal Government should utilize every available means on a regular basis and not just rely on the Muscogee Nation News.

If elected to the Office of Second Chief I will represent the needs of the Creek People to the National Council and the Office of the Principal Chief; I will maintain an office where I can meet with Tribal Members, Officers, and Staff; I will work for fair and honest government; I will work to improve the communication from our Tribal Government to the Creek People; and I will work to Improve and Protect employee rights and Indian preference.

Again, I wish to thank you for your support and I will appreciate your continued support in the Run-Off Election on June 29, 1985.

Sincerely
Bill S. Fife
Candidate for Second Chief
Muscogee (Creek) Nation

Haskell Centennial Celebration Finale

Haskell Indian Junior College's Centennial Commencement at Lawrence, Kansas was the finale of the year long "100 years" celebration. Kansas University joined hands with Haskell last September to honor this centennial year with a variety of seminars and art shows. Haskell stands at the center of Indian Education with Indian youth from throughout the United States and Alaska. Ten or more of the employees are from Oklahoma as well as many students.

218 students graduated. Eight with high honors, many more with honors, and more than $5,000 in scholarships had been awarded 25 students.

Mr. John W.Fritz, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. was the Commencement speaker. John's father Eugene Fritz, a Cherokee Indian was a noted Haskell athlete in the 1930's.

Mr.Ben Showmaker from Tulsa was selected 1985 Outstanding Alumni at the Haskell Alumni Banquet. Mr.Louis Taylor, President of the Haskell Chapter of Alumni made the introductions and announcements. Dr.Gerald Gipp, the College President gave the welcome and comments. Other recognitions were given. A reception was held for Ben after the Banquet.

Other alumni chapters present and recognized were, Oklahoma, Albuqueque, Pacific Northwest, Washington D.C., Phoenix, Arizona, Texas and a new one,Philadelphia, Mississippi. From 9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. a concert was held in the Auditorium with the Haskell musicians of 1970-73 featured, the current Haskell's very capable Band Director, Jack Romine.

Sammy "Tonekei" White, Oklahoma City television and radio commentator M.C. of the 3 day Pow-Wow at which about 12 (10 were elderly) Alaskan Indians did several of their native songs and dances daily. Haskell's Oklahoma Alumni will be joining the National Congress of American Indians who will be concluding their week-long fall session in Tulsa, with .. supper and Pow-Wow, October 11.

Charles Broncho

Creek Youth Earns Awards

Charles Broncho received a certificate and a gold pin for Citizenship and Excellent behavior, he also received a certificate for Excellent Sportsmanship for the school year 1984-85. Charles is a second grade student at Parmelee Elementary in Oklahoma City.

Charles is the son of Clint and Tilda Harjochee of Oklahoma City and is the grandson of Mrs. Lizzie Marshall of Wetumka. He is the great-grandson of the late Robert Scott and the late Mrs. Abbie Canard Smith. Charles is 19/32 *Creek-Shoshone-Bannock.*

Bacone Graduation Includes Four Creeks

Four Creek students are among the 87 Bacone College students who received Associate of Arts degrees this spring.

The students participated in commencement exercises, May 18, at Bacone Memorial Chapel, located on the college campus. Cree students who are candidates for degrees were: Okemah: Julieanna Scott, Okmulgee: Sarah Kaler, Tahlequah: Carol Pekah Weleetka: Rhonda Lynn Williams.

CLARENCE F. DOUGLAS, MCINTOSH DISTRICT, is being sworn in as one of the Justices of the Creek Nation Supreme Court by Chief Justice Wilma Berryhill during a formal ceremony held April 27. Douglas will serve a term of six years.

Bellmon Visits Creek Nation...

THE CREEK NATION WAS THE FIRST STOP IN OKMULGEE FOR HENRY BELLMON, center, a former Oklahoma governor and U.S. Senator, in his visit to the City. Principal Chief Claude Cox, right, welcomed Bellmon to the city and Creek Nation and praised him for his support in past elections at Creek Nation. Chief Cox confirmed his support for the statesman-farmer as the Republican Party's nominee for governor next year. Bellmon, honored during "Henry Bellmon Day," proclaimed by city Mayor Jim Milroy, left, was the guest of honor at a Bean Dinner and other activities scheduled for his visit.

CN Dental Staff Attends April Workshop

The Creek Nation Dental Assistants attended the Oklahoma Area Dental Assistants Workshop held in Tahlequah in April.

The guest speakers included Mr. Danny Whitekiller, Service Unit Director; Robert Bacon, Physician's Assistant who spoke on Diabetes.

Dr. Hank Vanveen, Ph D, Optometry, spoke on Eye Safety in the Dental Clinic. Dr. Gail Harris, Chief of Staff at W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital in Tahlequah spoke about the different types of cancer affecting today's women. Dr. Harris noted that lung cancer was on the increase in women due to the fact of the number of women who smoke.

William Kline, D.D.S., M.S., pedodontist at Hastings Hospital, gave a presentation on Child Abuse. Child abuse shows up in many forms, and Dr. Kline stessed the need for the dental staff to be aware of this, since children are usually in the clinic for more than one treatment. He also pointed out that neglecting the care of your youngster's teeth is one form of child abuse and can be reported to the necessary authorities.

Wilma Mankiller, Deputy Chief of the Cherokee Nation also gave a presentation about the role of Indian women in Leadership positions.

A tour of the new W.W. Hastings Indian Hospital concluded the workshop. Those attending the workshop, representing Creek Nation were; Pat Williams, Becky Brasier, Marjorie Bunner, Joyce Edwards, and Kelli; Michelle McQuire and Janet Wacoche.

CN Community Hospital Expands Services Administrator Gary Tarter Cites Progress

The Creek Nation Community Hospital Emergency Medical Center continues to expand as new services, personnel,and equipment are added.

Administrator,Gary Tarter, states that the newly developed program is expected to provide Okfuskee County with top notch ambulance service operated by experienced personnel who have advanced training. He emphasizes that the service is offered to Indian and non-Indian patients.

Tarter states that the hiring of new personnel for the program has been selective as highly motivated and experienced employees are sought. He is pleased with the choices already made.

Dr. Buddv LeCrone, M.D., Chief of Staff at the hospital is head of the new emergency center. LeCrone has already completed one of two parts of board exams toward his certifications as a specialist in emergency medicine. He hopes to complete his training this year. He is sincerely dedicated to the success of the new program and states that goals are high and steps are being taken consistently to ensure that equipment and staff are the best that can be obtained.

Brenda Manning, EMT Supervisor, reports that the ambulance is already well equipped with: A lifepak 6 defibrillator, mast pants,stationary and portable suction equipment, oxygen, IV supplies, splints and braces for stabilization, burn treatment supplies,and everything for immediate treatment of cardiac arrest.

Manning informs us that the ambulance radio provides 24 hour communication with medical control for field assistance which means that the EMT's can communicate with a physician at any time that it becomes necessary. The ambulance also keeps in touch with local law officers and the highway patrol.

The EMT supervisor has worked out a schedule that provides EMTs on duty at the hospital 16 hours a day, 7 days a week and on call for the entire 24 hours each day thus providing the community with 24 hour ambulance service.

Tarter states that the hospital benefits many ways from the new Emergency Medical Center. As well as attracting patients who are interested in prompt, knowledgeable, emergency care, the EMTs assist in the emergency room when they are not transporting patients allowing the nurses who usually cover the emergency room to attend to direct patient care thus strengthening the staff of the entire hospital.

Dr. Buddy LeCrone and Dr. Charles Crowell are both certified in ACLS which is Advanced Cardiac Life Support and ATLS which is Advanced Trauma Life Support. Brenda Manning will complete her training this week to attain the status of full paramedic possible for emergency medical tech. The EMT staff consists of; Susan Rooney, James Burkhart, and David Reed, all of which are nationally registered and are at various levels of training with their goal, full paramedic.

Manning states that her staff participates in a mandatory continuing educational program that includes sessions with Dr.LeCrone in which they are questioned about mock situations allowing Dr.Lecrone to assess their accuracy in responding. According to the doctor their performance thus far has been exceptionally commendable.

LeCrone listed some of the goals for the future as: 1. The development of a trauma center capable of receiving and treating disaster victims as well as other types of emergency cases. 2. More advanced teaching and training facilities. 3. The addition of a surgeon specializing in emergencies. 4. Equipment and staff to handle all types of emergencies and definitive treatment as well. 5. More extensive community involvement to create awareness of emergency needs and CPR training in the community.

Gary Tarter, Administrator, is proud to offer this state licensed community and he extends an invitation to you to call us at 623-2015 if we can be of service to you.

Stephanie Tarpalechee

Paula Long

Rodeo Queen to be Crowned

Two Creek beauties will be vying for the title of the 1985 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen. They are Stephanie Tarpalechee and Paula Long. The new Queen will be crowned during ceremonies held in the CN Rodeo Arena on June 14, 8:00 p.m. Judging will take place on June 14 at 1:00 p.m. Judges will be Pam Sullivan, the 1984 CN Rodeo Queen, Tammy Harjo Finley, the 1978 CN Rodeo Queen, Betty Crandall and Jake Whitecrow.

Stefanie Renei Tarpalechee is 18 years old and a graduate of the Morris High School. Her parents are Ella Perkins of Beggs and Evelyn Parker, grandmother. Stefanie is a member of the Honor Society and plans to enter Bacone College this fall on a full scholarship. She is a member of the Honor Society, basketball team for three years and was All-Conference Guard in 83-84, All-Conference teams in 83-84-85 and Most Valuable Player 83-84-85, and a member of the CN Rodeo Club.

Paula, 17, is a graduate of Mounds High School and the daughter of Paul and Norma Long, Sapulpa and the granddaughter of the late Jimmy and Asa Long and Dub and Etna Anderson. She attends Sapulpa Vo-Tech and has played basketball for three years and a member of the Beta Club for one year. Paula enjoys riding horses and swimming.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
CREEK NATION SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

Closed bids will be accepted until June 24, 1985, 5:00 p.m. by Creek Nation on items which have been declared as surplus by the Tribe. This sale is in accordance with NCA 83-17, an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation providing procedure for the disposal of surplus tribal property. Creek Nation reserves the right to reject all or any bids and final approval will be made by Principal Chief Cox.

All items are listed by number and can be inspected during regular working hours at the Creek Nation Aztec building located on Eufaula Street, at the south end of the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

The bids should be in sealed envelopes and mailed to: Creek Nation, Surplus Sale, Attention: Bob Parks, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447. The bid should include: the amount, the bidder's address and telephone number, and the number and description of the item being bid on.

Bids will be opened June 25, 1985. The highest bidder will be contacted either by mail or telephone. Goods must be picked up by noon July 9, 1985 and paid for by cash or a cashier's check made out to Creek Nation. For more information contact Bob Park, 918/756-8700.

1. Electric Typewriter, Underwood
2. Paper Folder, Variable Speed,
2. Paper Folder, Variable Speed, Gestetner
3. Calculator, Unicom 1010P
4. Typewriter, Electric, IBM Executive
5. ITEL Word Processor
6. Typewriter, Electric IBM
7. Dictaphone, IBM Executive
8. Typewriter, IBM
9. Typewriter, Royal Electric
10. Typewriter, Royal Manual
11. Typewriter, Royal Manual
12. Typewriter, IBM Electric
13. Typewriter, Adler Electric Mdl 21F
14. Typewriter, IBM Electric
15. Calculator, Canon Canola L812
16. Calculator, T.I. Mdl 5200
17. Adding Machine, Victor
18. Typewriter, Royal Manual
19. Calculator, T.I. Mdl 5100
20. Adding Machine, Olivetti Underwood
21. Adding Machine Underwood
22. Typewriter, Underwood Manual
23. Calculator, Victor, Medalist 204
24. Transcriber, Norelco
25. Transcriber, Norelco
26. Transcriber, Norelco
27. Calculator, T.I. Mdl 5015
28. Friden 2201 Flexowriter Programmatic
29. Welding Generator, Miller AC/DC
30. 3 Wheeler Yamaha
31. 3 Wheeler, Yamaha
32. Chair, Green Cloth
33. Chair, Typist without back
34. Straight back chair, vinyl
35. Chair, wood w/vinyl seat, w/arms
36. Chair, wood w/arms
37. Chair, wood, w/arms
38. Chair, wood w/arms
39. Chair, wood, w/arms
40. Chair, wood, w/arms
41. Chair, wood, w/arms
42. Chair, wood, w/arms
43. Chair, Plastic, orange
44. Chair, Plastic, yellow
45. Chair, w/arm, brown vinyl
46. Chair, Typist, vinyl gray
47. Chair, Typist, vinyl, black
48. Chair, Typist, vinyl black
49. Rotary chair w/arms
50. Chair, Plastic, yellow
51. Chair, w/arms, orange
52. Chair, w/arms red
53. Chair, Mtl w/arms, gray
54. Chair, w/arms, Mtl. Black
55. Chair, Cloth seat, w/arms, orange
56. Chair, Cloth/Vinyl, w/arms, yellow
57. Chair, Plastic yellow
58. Chair, Plastic, yellow
59. Chair, straight back, red
60. Chair straight back yellow
61. Chair, straight back, yellow
62. Chair, Plastic, yellow
63. Chair Plastic, yellow
64. Chair, Rotary w/o back, black
65. Chair, Typist, orange
66. Chair, Rotary w/arm black
67. Chair, lounge, w/arms, orange
68. Rotary chair, executive w/arm, brown
69. Rotary Chair, Executive w/arm, brown
70. Rotary Chair,w/arm, gray
71. Chair, typist, black
72. Chair, Rotary, w/arms, gray
73. Chair, w/arms, green
74. Chair, Wood w/arm, vinyl seat, orange
75. Chair, straight back, gray
76. Chair, Cloth, orange
77. Chair, disassembled, cloth w/arms, green
78. Chair, Plastic
79. Chair, Rotary, w/arms
80. Chair, Rotary, w/arms
81. Chair, straight, beige
82. Chair, straight
83. Chair, Straight
84. Chair, straight
85. Chair, High seat, wood
86. Chair, straight
87. Chair, lounge, w/arms, black
88. Chair, w/arms, gray
89. Chair, w/arms black
90. Chair, straight, gray
91. Chair, Straight, Gray
92. Chair, Straight, Gray
93. Chair, Straight, Gray
94. Chair, w/arms, Black
95. Chair,Straight, Gray
96. Chair,Straight, Gray
97. Chair, Typist, Blue
98. Chair, Typist, Green
99. Chair, Rotary w/arms, yellow
100. Chair, Typist, Black
101. Chair, Straight, Cloth, Green
102. Chair, Straight Back w/chrome
103. Chair, High Back
104. Chair, Straight Back, vinyl, burnt orange
105. Chair, Straight Back, vinyl burnt orange
106. Chair, Straight Back, vinyl, burnt orange
107. Chair, plastic, straight, Biege
108. Chair, Straight Back, cloth green.
109. Chair, w/arms, Gray.
110. Chair, w/arms, Black.
111. Chair, Straight Back, Black.
112. Chair, Straight back, gray.
113. Chair, straight back, Brown
114. Chair, straight back gray.
115. Chair, straight back, gray.
116. Chair, straight w/o back, Red.
117. Chair, plastic, Orange.
118. Stove, Tappan, 4 Burner, gas,yellow.
119. Chest, 6 drawer, wood.
120. Rockwell Radial Arm Saw.
121. Love Seat, Vinyl, Green
122. Folding cot, mtl
123. Folding Cot, Mtl
124. Bookcase Headboard w/full size mattress & springs
125. Bookcase Headboard w/full size mattress & springs
126. Whirlpool Dishwasher
127. Single Pedestal Desk
128. Sears Air Compressor
129. Double Pedestal Desk
130. Tub, Yellow
131. Tub, Yellow
132. Air Compressor, Portable
133. Drafting
134. Vinyl Sofa, Brown
135. Chest, 6 Drawer, Wood
136. Table, Picnic, White
137. Mattress, twin size
138. Mattress, twin size
139. Washer, Speed Queen, Commercial, coin operated
140. Washer, Speed Queen, Commercial coin operated
141. Washer, Speed Queen,Commercial, coin operated
142. Washer, Speed Queen, Commercial, coin operated
143. Washer, Speed Queen, Commercial, coin operated
144. Washer, Speed Queen, Commercial, coin operated
145. Washer, Speed Queen, Commercial, coin operated
146.Washer,
146. Washer, Speed Queen, Commercial, coin operated
147. Table w/head Sets
148. 78 GMC Pickup (blue) VIN TCL44BS532626
149. Chevy Scottsdale 30/78 VIN CCS388165742
150. 79 GMC 1 ton Crew Cab Sierra 35 Classic
151. Bush Hog S/N 12492 CN 546
152. Swather, Hesston PT-10 S/N 105952 CN 543
153. Hay Baler, Massey Ferguson S/N 400906 CN 545
154. Pickup, Ford F100 1978
155. Pickup, Ford F100 1978
156. 1 1/2 Ton Truck Ford F600
157. Riding Lawn Mower, Allis Chalmer CN 680
158. Riding Lawn Mower, Allis Chalmer CN 679
159. Gilbarco Gas Pump S/N 18563 CN 512
160. Stove, Electric, Hotpoint
161. Riding Lawn Mower, Allis Chalmer S/N 2643595
162. Misc Scrap Pipe
163. Misc Scrap Pipe
164.Misc. Scrap Pipe
165. Misc Scrap Pipe
166.Misc Scrap Pipe
167.Misc Scrap Pipe
168. Flat Bed / Wood floor with gooseneck hookup 7'3"x9
169. Flat Bed / Metal floor with gooseneck hookup 7'6" x 9
170. IBM Typewriter, S/N 15 8334898, CN 841
171. Chain Hoist, 1,000 lb capacity
172. Sony Triniton Color Video Camera (3 Pieces)

Creek Nation Health Fair

The Creek Nation Community Hospital will be conducting a Health Fair in the Dining Hall of the Creek Nation Complex, Saturday, June 15 from noon - 4:00 p.m.

Medical staff and programs from the CN Hospital will be conducting testing for Glaucoma, as well as anemia and vision screening, blood typing, weight, height, blood pressure and diabetes instruction. The Respiratory Program of the Hospital will conduct pulmonary functions screening.

The Creek Nation Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) will be on the premises during the Health Fair to explain and promote their program and the hospital.

Planned Parenthood of Tulas will also have a booth at the Health Fair. Other medical agencies are invited to participate in the Fair. For more information concerning acquiring a booth at the Fair, contact Wendell Bigpond, Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah, 918-623-1424, ext.252.

The Health Fair is open to the public and is free of charge.

The Health Fair is sponsored by the Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa and the equipment to be used in the Fair has been donated by the Eastern Oklahoma Health Fair Association, Mrs.Dudley Linger, Director.

BIA Officials Meet to Discuss Gambling

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs John Fritz and other Interior Department officials met May 6 with Justice Department officials to talk about bingo and other gambling activities on Indian reservations. the only information issued about the meeting was that they planned to meet again to continue the discussions.

The Arizona Republic, in a pre-meeting story by Anne Hoy of Washington Bureau, said the two departments were at odds over the issue. She said, "The Interior Department has backed the establishment of bingo games and other permissible gambling operations on reservations as a means of strengthening Indian tribal governments and fostering economic growth." Her story reported that the Justice Department sought to restrict Indian gaming operations by attempting to place them under state iurisdiction and amounts of cash used jurisdiction and regulation. She added that the "Justice Department contends that the large amounts of cash used in the games could permit organized crime to launder money earned from drug deals.

"Hoy quoted the Arizona attorney general Bob Corbin who said he had met several times with Justice officials,who were very "non-committed," in hopes of getting them to restrict Indian gaming operations. Bob Walker, an Interior spokesman, told Hoy that it was difficult to argue against Indian tribal governments operating games when state and city lotteries are proliferating.

Carl Shaw, another Interior spokesman, said the Administration's Indian policy, issued in 1983, supported Indian self-government. He said the Federal government doesn't "need to tell them (the tribes) how to do every little thing."

Five Tribes Art Show

The Five Civilized Tribes Museum has announced the deadline for the 1985 Competitive Art Show to be October 6.

Members, by blood, of the Cherokee, Creek, Choctaw, Chickasaw and Seminole Tribes, 18 years and older are eligible to compete in the Art Show to be held October 15 in the Five Civilized Tribes Museum Art Gallery.

The categories for the art show include; two or three dimensional fine art (paintings and sculpture pertaining to the history and culture of the Five Civilized Tribes).

Only six entries can be entered per artist; entries may not be more than 2 years old and must not have been previously exhibited at the Museum. ALL ENTRIES MUST BE FOR SALE.

For more information, contact the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Agency Hill, Honor Heights Drive, Muskogee, OK. 74401 or telephone 918-683-1701.

Honor Roll Posted Lists Creek Students

Two Creek students are among the 51 Bacone College students named to the academic honors lists for the spring 1985 semester, according to the Office of the Registrar.

Named to the Dean's list were freshmen Shirley Barnoske of Muskogee, and Lisa King of Henryetta.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours of classes, have no grade below a C, and earn a grade point average of 3.0 or above on a scale of 4.0.

Creek Honor Student Receives BA Degree

Bolivar, MO--James Wolfe, son of Jim and Noma Wolfe of Sapulpa, was among the 234-member graduating class at Soutwest Baptist University on Saturday, May 18.

The conferring of the degree, Bachelor of Arts in Speech/Communications, to Wolfe was by SBU Chairman of the Board Wayne Gott, President Charles Chaney and Vice President for Academic Affairs Bill Little. Darrell Strait, acting dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, presented Wolfe his degree.

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Wolfe graduated with honors, which requires at least a 3.50 grade point average. He is a member of the Alpha Chi National Honor Society.

Jack Shewmaker, vice chairman and chief financial officer of the Wal-mart Corporation and Harold L.Finch, founder and co-owner of Padgett-Thompson, Inc., of Overland Park, Kansas, were the commencement speakers. Honorary doctorate degrees were conferred upon both of the speakers by Southwest Baptist University.

BIA Regs Proposed Effects Enrollment

Proposed regulations governing the enrollment of students of less than one-quarter degree Indian blood in BIA-funded schools were published in the Federal Register May 10.

Under federal statutes, the Bureau may not expend federal funds for the education of students of less than one quarter degree Indian blood, except for situations where no other school is practically available. Non-Indian students attending under such circumstances are required to pay tuition.

In 1985, 92 non-eligible students attended BIA schools. Of these, 590 were Indians of less than one-quarter Indian blood; 298 were non-Indians, many of them children of teachers or other BIA employees on reservations, and 34 were over or under age limitations imposed by statute. About half of these students are in the Aberdeen, South Dakota area.

The Eastern Band of Cherokee in North Carolina had 189 enrolled at their school. The Bureau expects some strong reactions to the proposed regulations which define an available school as one within 50 miles or an hour-and-a-half bus ride. The regulations could also cause some employees to look elsewhere for jobs. A 30-day comment period has been established.

Attend!

Festival Days!

June 14 - 15!

RHONDA RICHARDS, THE NEW REIGNING 1985 CREEK NATION PRINCESS, proudly accepts her title as she is congratulated by former Creek Nation Princesses, Leslie Barichello, 1982 CN Princess, right, and Alice King, the 1983 and 1984 CN Princess, left. The 17-year old honor student at Checotah High School was crowned in Princess Pageant ceremonies held May 3rd, 7:00 p.m. in the Mound of the Creek Nation Complex.

Creek Beauty Wins '85 Creek Princess Title

The 1985 Creek Nation Princess title was presented to Rhonda Richards, a 17-year old Creek beauty from Checotah, in the Princess Pageant held in the Creek Nation Mound building May 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

The new Creek Nation Princess, crowned by Alice King, former 1983-84 Creek Princess, received a beaded crown, banner, flowers donated by the Okmulgee Indian Community, a cash award of $300 from the Princess Committee, a $500 scholarship, a $100 savings bond from the Checotah Indian Community and $50 from the CN Housing Authority.

Rhonda performed the song, "I Can't Say No," from the character "Annie" in the play "Oklahoma" as her talent in the pageant. Her escort for the Pageant was her brother, Michael Richards.

A Senior at Checotah High School, Rhonda is an honor student and has received, among other awards for scholastic ability, a government award from Senator David Boren. She has competed in scholastic contests at Wilburton, Ok as well.

Rhonda is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students," is president of the OHS Senior class, president of the OHS Pep Club and was a Queen Attendent in the 1983 OHS Homecoming. She is a member of the Student Council, Art Club and Pep Club.

Rhonda's parents are Wesley and Shirley Richards and she is the granddaughter of Eastman and Radine Richards of Muskogee.

First Runner-Up in the contest was Leslie Haynes, 16, Okmulgee and the daughter of Felix and Gloria Haynes. She received $200 and flowers. Her escort was Joe Domebo.

Second Runner-Up was Stephanie Berryhill, 17, Henryetta, daughter of Mike and Julie Berryhill, Henryetta and Joann Schroeder, Flagstaff, Arizona. Stephanie received $100 and flowers. Her escort was Shawn Williams.

Also competing in the Princess Pageant was Patricia Thomas, 20, Okmulgee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Velvin Thomas, escorted by Daniel Bear; Cheryl Harjo, 17, Seminole, daughter of Charles and Neomi Harjo, and escorted by Eric Haney.

During Pageant ceremonies, Lily Cox gave the Invocation, Steve Wilson gave the Welcome and Introduction, Dr. Ruth Arrington was Mistress of Ceremonies.

Judges were Perry Beaver, Betty Brown, Millie Ketcheshawno, Sunshine King and Chinnubie McIntosh.

The Princess Committee members are; Bernice Hale, Lane Morgan, Anita Tecumseh, Rachel Thomas, and Steve Wilson.

The hostess for the pagent were; Teresa Allen and Felicia Haynes.

The ushers for the pagent were; Hayden Dunn, Patrick Jones, Wendy Simmers and Mary Harjo.

A very special thank you from the Pagent Committee: Andy Spaniard and his crew, Maggie Juneau and her crew, Jimmie Jones, Hepsey Gilroy, Steve Landsberry and Richard Beaver.

Kelley Shannon Hyde

Athletic Award Given Creek Girl Recipient

Kelley Shannon Hyde was honored as Most Athletic Senior Girl at awards ceremonies recently held at Washington High school in Washington, Ok. Kelley, a Creek/Shawnee/Delaware, is the daugther of Mr. and Mrs. James Fife of Dustin, Oklahoma.

Kelley has been an outstanding athlete throughout the seven years she has attended the Washington Schools. She was on the basketball and softball teams and has won numerous awards as a member of the W.H.S. track team for the past four years. In addition, Kelley represented the Creek Nation team in running events at the All-Indian Olympics in Anadarko in 1983. The same year she was named Most Improved Runner at W.H.S. and qualified for the state competition in high jump.

In softball, Kelley received honors for Most Valuable Player and Best Defensive Player her sophomore year. As a junior she received the Golden Glove Award.

As a member of the Washington Indians basketball team, Kelley exhibited equal ability on offense and defense and often alternated positions during games.

Kelley has been an honor student throughout highschool and has participated in many extracurricular activities. She served as class officer her freshman, sophomore and junior years. She was voted freshman class candidate for both Class Queen and Football Queen. As a junior she was elected Outstanding Cheerleader and Best All-Around Girl in highschool.

She was Basketball Homecoming Queen her senior year. Her biography will appear in the 1985 "Who's Who Among American Highschool Students". Kelley has been active in the Explorers Club, Beta Club, FBLA, FHA, Pep Club and Student Council.

Kelley is married to Lonnie Ray Hyde and has a daughter named Ashley. They attend Thlewarle Baptist Church at Dustin. Both Kelley and her daughter have modeled fashion originals for the Fife Collection. Kelley has made several T.V. appearances modeling both traditional and contemporary Indian clothing. Kelleys' mother is a recognized Creek artist, using the signature Jimmie Carole Fife.

Adam Jones

Valedictorian Named Honor Goes to Creek

The 1985 Valedictorian of Stidham Grade School is Adam Jones III with a grade point average of 3.9. Adams enjoys many sports interests and hobbies which include track, basketball, horses. He has won gold and silver medals in the last three Creek Nation Olympics.

He is a member of Little Cusserah Indian Baptist Church.

Adam is Creek Indian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Jones Jr., grandson of Hattie Jones and the late Rev. Adam Jones Sr. of Stidham and John Jordan, Eufaula and Mary Frank, Osage.

Sallie Factor

Salutatorian Picked

Sallie, the daughter of Mrs. Nora Factor and the late Edmond Factor of Henryetta, has been named Salutatorian of the 1984-85 graduating class of Graham High School. She has received awards in Typing I, English I, and high school arithmetic.

Sallie has also been named in the Who's Who Among American High School students for the past four years. She has received a scholarship to Connors State College at Warner, Ok. and plans to major in the secretarial field. Sallie was active in basketball for four years which she received letter awards, and she played in the All-Star game last February. She has also been active in softball.

Creek Beauty...

Stephanie Yazzie

"Little Jr. Miss" Creek Contestant

Stephanie Yazzie, Oklahoma City's Native American Center Little Princess, was invited to enter the Little Jr. Miss America Contest which will be held in Oklahoma City on June 15.

Stephanie is a third grader at Hayes Elementary School in Oklahoma City where she resides with her family. The nine-year old is a member of the Choctaw Tribal Alliance, Inc. and member of the First South Baptist Church of Del City.

Stephanie currently needs sponsors for the Pageant. If you would be interested in contributing or being a sponsor for her, send contributions to 1614 S.E. 62ND, Oklahoma City, OK 73149 or call her residence at 1-405-672-3863. The family appreciates your contribution, encouragement and prayers for Stephanie in the upcoming 1985 Little Jr. Miss America Pageant.

D.C. "Close-Up" Includes Creek

Melinda Taryole, a junior at Henryetta High School, recently had the opportunity to go to Washington, D.C. through the Close-Up Program along with three other Henryetta students.

They attended seminars and workshops to learn something about the government. The students attended seminars on National Defense in the Pentagon, Media (writer from ABC), Presidency, and International Relations.

Two days were spent by the students at Williamsburg to look at 18th Century Colonial government.

On Capitol Hill Day, the students visited with Mike Synar and Senator Boren and attended committee hearings on NATO appropriation. Melinda visited the Australian and New Zealand Embassy. She also toured the Capitol, the surrounding neighborhood, the Supreme Court and the Library of Congress. Other points of interest were the Smithsonian, Jefferson Memorial, Lincoln Memorial and Viet Nam Memorial. They were also able to go to the Arlington Cemetery and watch the changing of the guards.

Okemah School News

The following Indian seniors who graduated from Okemah High in May were; Darin Cheek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Cheek; Kelly Deere, son of Christine and Jim Burgess; Julie Harjo, daughter of Lena McCormick; Ray Jimboy, son of Paul and Amanda Jimboy; Gary Spain, son of Buford and Alvena Spain and Carol Woford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Woford.

The Oakes Elementary School had their Annual Little Olympics with the winners including Matthew Henneha, First Place broad jump and third place Free Throw winner.

The High School Awards Assembly included Freshman Kristi Cheek, letter O track, basketball, and softball slow pitch; Samuel Harjo, letter O , track pitch; Samuel Harjo, letter O, track,basketball, and band; Buddy Thompson, Letter O, Basketball; Vickie Wofford, Letter O, track, basketball, softball and slow pitch.

Sophomore awards included Brad Boatman, Letter O, Band; David Canard, Letter O, baseball and football; Robert Deere, Letter O, baseball and basketball; Jesse Scott, Letter O, basketball; Ray Watson, Letter O, basketball, service and class officer.

Junior awards included; Sam Beaver, Jr., letter O and football; Kelly Harjo, letter O, basketball and football; Wanda Harjo, letter O, track.

Senior awards included; Darin Cheek, letter O, baseball, basketball, "Friendliest" Award, merit O and drafting; Kelly Deere, Letter O, baseball; Julie Harjo, Service, FHA, Merit O and Home Ec; Gary Spain, letter O, basketball; Carol Wofford, letter O, basketball, softball, slow pitch, Service Award, FHA, Merit O, Home Ed.II, Marines Athletic Award.

4-H Club Winner...

Haikey Beaver

Creek Girl Competes Wins First in Contest

Haikey Star Beaver, 11-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Beaver of Kinder, Louisiana, was a recent First place winner in the Louisiana "Sew With Cotton" contest conducted by the Louisiana 4-H Clubs.

Haikey is the granddaughter of the late Amos and Stella Beaver of Broken Arrow, OK and great-granddaughter of Jennetta Haikey Beaver Bland.

Obituaries...

CECIL CHISHOLM

Cecil Chisholm, Sr., 78, 1405 S. Second St., died Thursday (April 4, 1985), at Arkansas City Memorial Hospital. He was born Jan.1, 1907, in Hanna, Okla., the son of George W. Chisholm and Minervia Williams Chisholm.

He graduated from the Chilocco Indian School and married Irma G. Knouse on Nov. 13, 1936, in Wichita. He was employed as a steam fitter.

He attended the IXL Baptist Church and was a member of the Pipe Fitters and Steam Fitters Local Union 171 of Wichita. He was also member of Masonic Lodge 156, AF&AM in Dextor.

Survivors include his wife, Irma, of the home; one son, Cecil Chisholm, Jr., and one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Beatrice) Rakestraw: both of Arkansas City; five sisters, Ruth Sims, Lorrene Hammontree, Estalline Fields, Georgeann McGirt, Leona Hale and one brother Dan Chisholm. He was born and raised in Hanna, Okla. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister.

REV. JOHN (BUCK) W. DEER

Services were held Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m. for Rev. John (Buck) W. Deer at the Thlopthlocco Methodist Church south of Okemah with Rev. James Yeager and Rev. Thomas Long officiating. He died April 24 in the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital at the age of 84.

He was born March 21, 1901 in Oklahoma Indian Territory, Okfuskee County, the son of the late Moses and Ellen Long Deer, of the Okemah and Wetumka communities. He attended schools at Lawrence, Kansas, and became a member of the Kansas National Guard in 1917. He was issued his preacher's license in the early 1950's and was a member of the Thlopthlocco Methodist Church all of his life. He was active in the church as a Senior Member. He was a retired painter and farmer.

He is survived by his sister, Mrs. Lillie D. Harjo, of the home south of Okemah; one brother, Dave Yargee, Okemah; two nieces and two nephews, Leona Zink, Rebecca Stroud, Jimmie Johnson and Amos Yargee; eight great-nephews, three great-nieces, 14 great-great-nieces and nephews, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers were Harold Harwell, James Earl Dunson, Allen Jimboy, Eugene Beaver, Terry Edminsten and Matthew Kelly, Honorary pallbearers were the Senior Methodist Members.

Interment was in the church cemetery under the direction of Webb Funeral Home.

TYRONE N. TILLEY

Funeral services for Tyrone N. Tilley, 18, will be held Monday afternoon at 2 p.m. in the Indian Nation Nazarene Church with Rev. Dallas Cooper officiating. Tilley died April 25.

Tilley was born at Claremore on September 18, 1966. He had been a resident of Okemah all of his life and was a former Okemah High School student.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Tilley of the home in Okemah; three brothers, Aaron Tilley, Winston Tilley and Nathan Tilley, all of the home; one sister, Miss Leslie Ann Tilley, also of the home.

Interment will be in the Family Cemetery under the direction of the Parks Brothers Funeral Home.

COLUMBIA LINDSEY

Columbia Lindsey born, February 15, 1903 died April 29, 1985 at the Wewoka Memorial Hospital, Wewoka, Oklahoma at the age of 83. He was a member of the Rock Spring Indian Baptist Church Sasakwa, Oklahoma. He was baptized at Sand Creek Indian Baptist Church Wetumka, Oklahoma, by the late Reverend Jacob Alexander October 1933.

Survivors include one half brother Joe Floyd of Eufaula, one half sister, Carrie Davis, Oklahoma City; one sister, Sharah Mitchell, Okmulgee; two sons, Lewis Lindsey, Sasakwa; Thomas Lindsey, Bristow; three daughters, Mary Coonhead, Bristow; Ruby Stewart, Sasakwa; Nannie Scott, Bristow; and Curtis "Mickey" Vamosse, Okla; son of the late Phillip Lindsey, he was the Uncle of James Floyd, Director of Community Service of the Creek Nation Tribal Complex Okmulgee, Okla. He had 21 grandchildren also 21 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

DEWAR INDIAN COMMUNITY

By Christine Henneha

It was such a nice sunshiny day for our food and rummage sale on May 4th. There were many donations of baked goods and nice items of clothing for which we thank those who gave.

On May 10th we observed Mothers' Day with a dinner and gifts for several categories: Ida Stow was awarded a gift for being the oldest lady present at 85 years; Lena Sevier was our oldest mother at 82; the next oldest mother was Annie Bear at 79; the mother with the most children was Magdalene Russell who has eleven offspring (our cook, Lucille Bear, has 13 children but she declined the award saying she isn't a senior citizen yet); and door prizes went to Mrs.Rueben Chalakee and Ruby Coates. Pam Davis and Lucille added a beautiful touch to the tables with vases of roses and pink and white crepe paper runners.

Pearl Thomas brought a potted plant as a door prize and red and white carnations which were presented to each of the ladies present. Thank you, Pearl, for the lovely gesture.

Our guest speaker was Reverend Harley Barnoskie of the Vian Baptist Church whose scripture was Proverbs 31:10-31. We had 29 in attendance

We, of the Dewar Community, want to say, "Thank you and we love you" to Lucille Bear and Pam Davis. It is so nice to have employees who care about the people they serve, and their concern for those on special diets is certainly appreciated. We're mighty lucky to have you.

SPECIAL THANKS

The Lindsey Family extends their special thanks and appreciation to all who offered support, prayers and blessings. God Bless you all.

The Lindsey Family

Original Allottees...

WASHIE LEWIS, LEFT, AND DOC YARDY, CREEK ORIGINAL ALLOTEES, enjoyed a sunny afternoon of activities planned for the Senior Citizens of Dewar, held at the Dewar Indian Community Center. *Rev. Lewis* is the pastor of the West Eufaula Indian Baptist Church and Mr. Yardy is a member of the Snake Creek Indian Baptist Church south of Bixby.

Harjo Earns Equal Employment Award

Paul N. Harjo, a personnel staffing specialist in the Recruitment and Employment Unit at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City, won the Air Force's Distinguished Equal Employment Opportunity Award.

Harjo won the award in recognition of his achievements in managing the Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center's American Indian Program.

The award was presented to Harjo by Stella Guerra, deputy for the Equal Opportunity Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs and Installations, during her visit to Tinker Air Force Base.

Harjo's efforts contributed to the accomplishment of Affirmative Action Program goals during fiscal year 1983 and enabled Tinker AFB to make gains in the recruitment and employment of American Indians. As a result of his efforts, the appointment of American Indians represented 6.4 percent of all appointments made at Tinker. This percentage exceeded almost four times the percentage of American Indians in the local civilian labor force, the letter nominating him for the EEO award stated.

Harjo is a native of Henryetta and earned his bachelor of arts degree from Northeastern State University at Tahlequah, OK. He has worked with the BIA, Anadarko Office, the Shawnee Agency and began at Tinker in 1982. He is also a member of the board of directors for the Native American Center in Oklahoma City, a member of the Federal Managers Association, the Tinker Inter-Tribal Council and the Committee for the Federal Women's Program.

Harjo and his wife, Sharon and their two children, Greg and Jennifer, reside in Shawnee.

Gospel Singings to be Held in Area Churches

The following Gospel Singings have been scheduled for the Creek Nation area during the month of June. On June 29, a Gospel Singing is planned for Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church. This singing is in memory of Jim McCosar. Directions are; Turn West at the Creek Nation Complex (Beeline at Loop 56). Cross the tracks to stop sign, turn left to the Git-N-Go (Okmulgee at Eufaula St.) turn west, go one mile, and there will be signs.

On June 30, a singing will be held at Vian Creek Indian Baptist Church. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. Dinner will be served and the singing will continue after dinner until ???

Everyone is cordially invited to attend these singings.

March Approved Minutes of the National Council Meeting

Invocation: Helen Chupco

Call to Order: Speaker, Carney Roberts

Roll Call: A quorum was declared with sixteen members present and one absent that being Jonas Dunson.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion to approve the February 23, 1985 Minutes. A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Cleghorn to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, none against and one abstention. By a unanimous vote of approval the minutes of February 23, 1985 were approved as read and will be recorded as such.

Order of Business:

I. Old Business: None

II. New Business:

Tribal Resolution 01 Giving Support and Recognition of Angie Debo's Outstanding Acccomplishments. The Bill was considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: Angie Debo has spent her lifetime in scientific historical research on the subject of American Indians, including general works of academic significance, such as "The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic, and a "History of the Indians of the United States". Among other works, the books of Angie Debo have included the most comprehensive general history of Muscogee (Creek) Nation, "The Road to Disappearance: A history of Creek Indians, and the best documented account of the fraud and corruption during and after the allotment of tribal lands in Oklahoma, "And Still the Waters Run"; The betrayal of the Five Civilized Tribes. **Section 102.** It is the position of the Principal Chief and members of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council to support and give recognition to outstanding individuals, such as Dr. Angie Debo, for her accomplishments and honors as an Oklahoma Historian. **Section 103** The Muscogee Nation commends Angie Debo for a lifetime of historical research which has brought others to understand both the ancient and modern history of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hardridge and seconded by Burden to approve TR 85-01 as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried TR 85-01 was approved and will be recorded as such.

3A A Bill amending the Creek Constitution. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Subject to the provisions of Article IX of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for their approval or rejecting as in the manner provided by law, the following proposed Amendment to Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, to read as follows: Section 1. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, as it geographically appeared in 1900, shall be divided into eight (8) districts corresponding namely with the counties of Creek, Hughes/Seminole, McIntosh, Muskogee, Okfuskee/Seminole, Okmulgee, Tulsa and Wagoner/Rogers/Mayes, in whole or portion thereof. Section 2. All legislation power herein shall be vested in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which shall consist of one (1) House. Section 3. Each district shall have one representative for each 1/17 (or major fraction thereof) of the total Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizens having residence within the district; provided that every district shall have at least one representative. (a) each representative shall be elected by a vote of the district and shall hold office for two (2) years. b) each representative shall be a legal resident of his district. c) no person shall be a representative who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) and hold full citizenship. d) the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall elect from their number a Speaker, who shall preside over the Muscogee (Creek) National but shall have not vote unless the National Council be equally divided, and they shall choose a Second Speaker, who shall preside in the absence of the Speaker. The Bill having been read the, Chair entertained a motion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: nine in favor, four against and two abstentions. Those against were: Fox, Thomas, Barnett and McIntosh. Those abstaining were: Stacy and Cleghorn. Motion did not carry 3 A was not approved and will be recorded as such.

3B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending NCA 84-54 to Appropriate Carryover Funds from the Fiscal Year 1984 Tribal Budget into the Fiscal Year 1985 Tribal Budget. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The National Council finds that during Fiscal Year 1984, the National Council appropriated funds which were not expended and under the tribal plan, unexpended funds may reappropriated in subsequent fiscal year. **Section 102.** Section 101 of NCA 84-54 is amended as follows: "The Tribal Budget for Fiscal Year 1985 has been properly prepared by the Principal Chief and duly considered by the National Council and is hereby amended, authorized and appropriated as follows: (see chart at right)

For a more complete budget contact your National Council Representative.

Section 103. By this amendment, the Principal Chief is authorized to modify the budgets of programs authorized by Ordinance to reflect the additional carry-over funds as appropriated above. **Section 104.** All other section of NCA 84-54 remain unchanged. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Stacy to approve Bill (3-B) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of approval the Bill 3B was approved and will be recorded as such.

Items for Consideration:

3C a Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation supporting membership in the National Congress of the American Indians. The Chair entertained a motion to add this Bill to the agenda. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Chupco to add Bill 3C to the agenda;Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions Motion carried, Bill 3C was placed on the agenda for consideration. The Bill was read and considered as follows. **Section 101. The National Council finds that:** A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation wishes to become a Member Tribe in good standing of the National Congress of American Indians: and B. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation meets all the requirments for Tribal Membership pursuant to Article II, Section 1, (b) of the Constitution of the National Congress of American Indian. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief to place the tribal government in Membership and pay dues of $1,000 from tribal funds appropriated for the Office of the Principal Chief. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bible to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken as follows: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 3C was approved as read and will be recorded as such.

I.C - 3D A Bill to approve an attorney contract with George Almerigi. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Chupco - there was no second. Speaker: The Bill died from lack of action and it has been referred back to Committee.

I.C. 3E A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Purchase of a Community Center and property for use by the Bristow Indian Community. The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Dunn to added Bill 3E to the agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, none against and two abstentions, those being: Stacy and Cleghorn. Motion carried, Bill 3E will be added to the agenda for consideration. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that:** A. It is a goal of the tribal government to assist local Indian communities in securing facilities for activities and services for the Indian people. B. The Bristow Indian Community has organized and identified available property for a community center. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to purchase the following property and facilities: Legal Description: Lots 1,2,3,4, and 5, Block 5, Industrial Addition, to the City of Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. And, Legal Description: South-half of lot 3 and all of lots 4 and 5 of Block 4, Industrial Addition, to the City of Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend an amount not to exceed the appraised value plus any actual costs of closing the transaction, all from Docket 21 or 276, for the purpose of lands described in Section 102. **Section 104.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 102 under the following title: The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act. The Bill having been read, the Speaker called for discussion. Question: Those in favor for the approval of Bill 3E. Thirteen in favor, two abstentions and none against, abstaining were: Chupco and Cleghorn. Upon a unanimous vote of approval, the Bill was approved as read and will be recorded as such.

IC - 3F A Bill authorizing Budgeting and appropriating Tribal Funds for a per capita payment to original allottees. The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda. A motion was made by Dunn and seconded by Chupco to place this item on agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fifteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and will be placed on the agenda for consideration. The Bill was read and cosidered as follows: **Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds. A.** During the past 1985 Fiscal Year, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation established a program to update the list of original allottees, currently living, who received allotments for tribal land prior to statehood. B. On March 27, 1985, the Citizenship Board verified the names and addresses of "304" Tribal members who were original allottees. C. It is the intent of the tribal government to award a per capita payment to living original allottees as recognition for the historical and personal contributions these tribal citizens have made to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief to implement a per capita payment to all living original allottees who were verified by the Citizenship Board by March 27, 1985. The amount of each payment shall be $100. each. **Section 103.** Tribal funds are budgeted and appropriated for this purpose as follows: Line Item - Original Allottee Payment; Source of Funds - Tribal Royalty & Lease Income 7151/7651; Amount - $30,400. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion for the approval of 3F. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to approve Bill 3F as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven against, five in favor, three abstentions; those against were: McIntosh, Barnett, Burden, Fox, Hicks, Thomas and Cleghorn; those abstaining were: Chupco, Hardridge and Stacy. Motion Did not carry. IC 3F was not approved.

IC 3G A Bill to authorize the playing of Video Bingo. The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunn to place this item on the agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, three against and one abstention, those against were: McIntosh, Burden and Stacy, abstaining: Cleghorn. Motion carried, Bill 3G was approved as read and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

Other Business: none

Announcements, Reports, etc. April 18, 1985 Planning Session at 6:30 p.m.

Benediction: Burden

	FY 1985 Appropriation	Change	Amended Appropriation
A. Tribal Government			
a. Office of Principal Chief	181,651	-0-	181,651
b. Office of the Justice	77,829	-0-	77,829
c. Citizenship Board	45,859	7,485	53,344
d. Election Board	92,174	6,664	98,838
e. Office of Gaming Commissioner (6months)	160,000	50,376	210,376
2. National Council	178,004	-0-	178,004
3. Judicial System	9,550	10,277	19,827
SUB TOTAL TRIBAL GOVT.	745,067	74,802	819,869
B. Office of Administration			
1. Tribal Programs	197,475	43,055	240,530
2. Community Development	197,475	182,514	379,989
3. Capital Acquisition	296,212	-0-	296,212
4. Cultural Education	78,990	37,964	116,954
5. Social Welfare	394,949	142,812	537,761
6. Higher Educattion	197,475	49,506	246,981
7.Education-Scholarship Asst.	189,507	-0-	189,765
8. Economic Development	94,765	-0-	94,765
9. Welfare & Tribal Burial	5,467	-0-	5,467
10.Attorney Fees & Expenses	30,815	-0-	30,815
11. Programs Development	3,147	-0-	3,147
12. Consumer Loans	265,279	-0-	265,279
13. Tribal Claim Develp.	43,354	-0-	43,354
Sub-Total of Programs	2,014,657	455,851	2,470,508
Total Tribal Budget	2,759,724	530,653	3,290,377

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Special Election to Amend Constitution Set July 27

By Helen Chalakee

A Special Election to amend the Creek Constitution regarding the number of members to serve on the Muscogee National Council is scheduled for July 27, 1985.

In a letter of explanation to Creek voters from the Office of Principal Chief sent this past week, Chief Cox points out the far-reaching impact this election will have on the future of our tribal government. "In these times, and in the forseeable future, it is important that the tribal government not increase our government costs at the expense of service to our people," he stated.

Explaining the circumstances, Chief said, "Now, each District has one representative with an additional representative for every 1,000 enrolled citizens. The amendment will still allow each District one representative, but reserving 2,000 enrolled citizen per District before an additional representative will be needed."

"A 'Yes' vote for the constitutional amendment will be a step to conserve tribal funds. It is clear that the amendment will reduce tribal expenses while still providing adequate numbers of representatives on the National Council," he further explained.

The Election Proclamation was signed by Chief Cox and ordained by the Muscogee National Council in compliance with an order of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court. The election involves all the Creek voters and must be passed by a 'Yes' vote of two-thirds of those who participate in the election.

Chief Cox urges every Creek voter to "make your vote count" in this very important election to conserve tribal expenses and encourage quality representation to the National Council.

Election for Council Hughes District Set

Due to the resignation of Nelson Johnson, former Hughes District Representative, an election to fill that vacancy will be conducted along with the special election on July 27 and will affect only the Hughes District voters.

Three candidates have filed for the position. They are: Roy George, Johnson W. Buck and James McGirt, George and Buck provided the Muscogee Nation News with background information on themselves. At the time of printing M.N.N. has received no information from McGirt.

Roy George, 65, Creek-Euchee, resides at Rt. 1, Holdenville. He was born in Kellyville and raised in Holdenville. He went to school at Chilocco and Euchee Boarding School. He is retired from Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, Kansas, where he worked in sheet metal and tooling for 28 years. He has also done some farming in Hughes County.

Mr. George is a veteran of World War II and is the son of Alexander George of Creek County and Mary Ann Stidham. He and his wife have seven children.

Johnson W. Buck, fullblood Creek resides in Holdenville, where he was born and raised. He is self-employed in the refrigeration, heating and air conditioning business.

Mr. Buck is a 1960 graduate of Haskell Institute and graduated from Oklahoma State Tech in Okmulgee.

He is married to Connie Sewell Buck and they have five children. He is the son of the late Nathan Buck and the late Alice McCosar Buck.

Beaver Wins 2nd Chief Election

By Helen Chalakee

In a close race for Creek Second Chief, Perry Beaver was victorious over Bill Fife by 46 votes in the run-off election held June 29.

A total of 3,406 voters cast their ballots for the second highest elected official in Creek Nation. Beaver received 1,726 votes. Fife received 1,680 votes.

Throughout his campaign, Beaver stressed the importance of personal communication with the Creek people. He stated that he is anxious to take office so he can get started on projects that will allow him community involvement.

Beaver said, "I will assist the Principal Chief and work with the tribal council on whatever is necessary for the provision of first rate services for the Creeks. I believe we are all working toward the same goal and that together we can achieve success in the future development of the tribe."

Fife has filed a letter with the Creek Nation Election Board in protest of the election. He alleges irregularities and descrepancies in the ballot counting and is requesting a reform of the absentee voting procedure.

In the protest letter, Fife questions the competency of the CN Election Board Chairman, Gene Bigpond and the CN Election Board Secretary, Juliene Stone.

The Creek Nation Election Board responded that stringent procedure was followed in the run-off election and they (Election Board) are ready to defend any accusations from the losing candidate.

Swearing-in ceremonies for Beaver to take the Second Chief office are expected to take place later this week.

State Trying 'TAKE OVER' of Creek Bingo Facility

By Helen Chalakee

On July 2, two days before the United States of America annually celebrates its independence to function as a sovereign nation, the Oklahoma Supreme Court issued a decision that Indian Tribal sovereignty as recognized by the U.S. Federal Government has no authority under state jurisdiction.

The State of Oklahoma, especially the Oklahoma Tax Commission backed by the State Attorney Mike Turpen, is trying every manuever they can muster up to get a grasp on tribally owned enterprises for taxation purposes. They claim they are losing millions in taxes from the Oklahoma Tribes. How can they lose what never belonged to them?

Turpen recently announced his intentions for the Governor's race. It appears he is using Indians as a scapegoat for political strategy in obtaining funds for Oklahoma's slumping state fund pocketbook and also to gain the support of the illusionary 'Oklahoma Indian Fighter's Association'.

The hardest hit tribal enterprises are the tribally owned bingo facilities throughout the state, and in particular the Creek Nation Bingo Facility which sets on tribal land surrounded by the city of Tulsa. They contend, in a false paternalistic manner, the state needs to regulate our gaming to keep us free of the infiltration of corruption and organized crime. Creek Nation operates a more structured and stringent internal regulation of our operations than current loosely controlled state regulations.

On July 9, 10:30 a.m. Tulsa District Attorney, David Moss, filed suit against Creek Nation claiming violation of state bingo laws. However, at 8:30 that same morning, Creek Nation had already filed a complaint with the Tulsa District Federal Court against the State of Oklahoma for interfering with the conduct of a tribally owned bingo enterprise. The complaint stated the state has violated a Treaty Right of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with the U.S. Federal Government.

The intrusion of taxing by the state violates and threatens the sovereign rights of the Muscogee Nation as defined and guaranteed by treaties, statues and court decisions of the United States.

Turpen has declared all out war with the Indians, the Creek Nation is now actively engaged in the organization of a state-wide Indian political action group with one objective in mind, political strength through a united effort of the Oklahoma Indians to register and vote our way into the State Capitol.

For more information contact Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox or the Creek Communication Department 918/756-8700.

POSITION OPENING

Creek Nation Housing Authority is announcing an opening for the position of Housing Inspector. For more information contact: Deputy Director Ron Scott, P.O. Box 297, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or phone 918/756-8504.

VOTE!
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SPECIAL ELECTION

Muscogee Nation News

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Letter to the Editor,..

Muscogee Nation News;

The womens teams in the Slow Pitch Softball tournament had to pay an $85.00 entry fee just like the men.

Where did the women play Saturday & Sunday? We played on a rough Creek Nation Practice Field by the Mound Building, and we played on the fields by the park where all Okmulgee league games are played. How come none of the womens teams got to play on the newly constructed fields, with the exception of Friday Night?

Why didn't some of the mens teams play on one of the fields the women were playing on and let the women play on one of the main fields? There were people that didn't even know where the women were playing. And there were alot of people that didn't even know they were having a womens tournament.

Communication concerning the women's tournament was very sorry! No team paying $85.00 entry fee should have had to forfeit especially when the whole tournament was messed up!

My team, Torbett Printing had to forfeit because we were a few minutes late, yet that same day, the umpires waited on another 45 minutes. What was the difference?

My team placed third and we had to play on the South field where the lights are very dim. We asked the umpires if we could move our game to the North field where the lights were better, and they said no because Mr.Steve Wilson said for all womens games to be finished on the South field.

After my team got beat out, I went over to the main fields. There was one field open which was field 3. There were small kids playing on the field, while the womens finals were being played on the South field by the tennis courts. How come the womens finals weren't moved to Field 3?

I feel like the womens teams were discriminated against in the Creek Nation Festival tournament because of the places we had to play, and not once with the exception of Friday Night getting to play on the newly constructed fields Saturday or Sunday. I am not the only one who felt this way.

Maybe there won't be a womens tournament next year, this way the men can have it all!

Minnie Wolfe

NOTICE

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council will, in the near future, appoint a Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to serve as Parliamentarian.

The appointed individual must attend regularly scheduled and special sessions of the National Council. The Parliamentarian will advise members of the Council regarding proper procedures in considering tribal matters before the Council in accordance with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution and Roberts Rules of Order.

The appointed Parliamentarian will be compensated at the rate of $35.00 plus mileage per meeting attended. This is not a full or part time position, the appointed Parliamentarian will not be considered an employee of the Creek Nation and will generally be called upon to render the above mentioned services on an average of twice monthly.

Interested persons should contact Carney Roberts, Speaker of the House, Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Miss NCAI Contest Rules and Regulations Set

The Annual National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Conference Planning Committee has announced the Rules and Regulations for the Miss NCAI 1985-86 Contest. The deadline for entering the contest is August 31, 1985.

This year's Conference will be held October 7-11, 1985 in Tulsa, OK. at the Sheraton-Kensington Hotel. "This year's Conference is expected to be the largest conference in the history of the National Congress of American Indians," remarked Suzan Shown Harjo, Executive Director of NCAI.

Tulsa has the second largest American Indian population in the nation.

ELIGIBILITY

Any young woman who: 1) is a citizen of an American Indain or Alaska Native government which is a member of NCAI; 2) has no children; 3) is a high school graduate; and 4) is between the ages of 17 and 25. (Certification of American Indian or Alaska Native citizenry must be furnished with application.)

ENTRY FEE

An entry fee of $50 is charged each contestant. The entry fee will be used to help defray the cost of the contest. All checks or money orders should be made payable to: Miss NCAI Contest. DO NOT SEND CASH.

SPONSORS

Contestants may be sponsored by an NCAI member Indian or Native government or by an NCAI-member Indian or Native organization. There is no limit to the number of entries from any sponsor.

Contestants and their sponsors will be responsible for their reservations and expenses, including travel, lodging, meals, etc. We strongly urge that the candidates have chaperones, who can give the contestants added support during the hectic week of competition.

JUDGING

The selection of Miss NCAI will be made on the basis of knowledge and presentation of tribal cultural background, poise, personality, interests and talent. Most importantly, contestants will be judged on their knowledge of traditional customs and cultures and their concerned interest in the present and future issues and conditions affecting the well-being of the American Indian and Alaska Native governments and people.

Contestants will be judged in authentic tribal dress and in modern attire. A panel of judges will conduct individual interviews limited to five (5) minutes per contestant. Talent presentations will limited to (3) minutes per contestant.

Contestants are responsibile for any props (visual aids or recordings, etc.) However, with prior notice, the Miss NCAI Committee will provide recorders, screen, etc.

Contestants or sponsors are responsible for providing an escort to accompany the contestant on stage at the final judging. (Recommendation: Chief, Chair, Governor, President, Sponsor or Organization leader.)

Scheduled personal interviews will be announced upon arrival. The Miss NCA Talent Show will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 1985.

The five finalists will be Miss NCAI, 1st Runner-Up, 2nd Runner-Up, Most Talented and Miss Congeniality. Judging will be done by a panel of prominent Indian and Native individuals. Judges decisions will be final. Final judging will occur during the first half of the Convention, which will be held at the Sheraton-Kensington Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma, on October 7 - 11, 1985.

PUBLICITY

Contestants are required to submit with their application the following:

1. Black and white glossy photos to be used for advance publicity, judges packet and the program. One (1) 8x10 inch in full traditional dress and five (5) 2x3's are also required.
2. A brief autobiography to include family, interests and future plans, and a 500-800 word statement on why you want to be Miss NCAI and how you would represent the title.
3. Certification of American Indian or Alaska Native Citizenry.
4. Entry fee ($50.00)

Please note: It is not necessary for contestants to make wall posters. The Committee will assure uniformity in publicity.

Please complete the above information and material, along with entry fee and return: Miss NCAI Committee Co Chairs: Ms. Helen Chalakee, Communications Director - Muscogee Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or Ms. Barbara Scott - Council Member Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah,Ok. 74465. For question regarding the contest, phone: NCAI Ms. Delia Reeves (202) 546-9404; Ms. Helen Chaiakee (918) 756-8700; Ms. Barbara Scott (918) 456-0671.

It is suggested that contestants and sponsors make their room reservations as soon as possible. Deadline for application, August 31, 1985.

Tulsa Pow-Wow Site Allen Ranch July 18-21

The 34th annual Tulsa Pow-wow, the most-attended powwow in the nation, will be held July 18-21.

For the first time, it will be held at the Allen Ranch in Bixby.

Powwow Chairman Kenneth Anquoe, of the Kiowa tribe, said the powwow won't be held at Mohawk Park this year because of construction at the park.

Anquoe said members of all 34 Oklahoma tribes and Indians from throughout the nation will attend. Attendance of about 50,000 over the weekend is expected.

Campers can spend the entire weekend at the ranch.

Anquoe said admission will be charged, but the amount has not been determined.

The powwow is dominated by intertribal dancing and rites and ceremonies of individual tribes.

Refreshments and arts and crafts wil be sold.

Free Health Fair at Creek Nation Successful

The Creek Nation Community Hospital participated in the festivities of the annual Creek Nation Festival by providing a free Health Fair at the Tribal Headquarters in Okmulgee on Saturday afternoon, June 15. Wendell Bigpond, Respiratory Therapy Supervisor, was the coordinator of the Health Fair. Bigpond, his wife Elena, and daughter, Nancy, did an excellent job of obtaining equipment, training personnel, setting up workstations, making signs, and assigning personnel to the various workstations.

Nine different stations were available providing the following services: Information entered on health forms, height, weight and blood pressure, blood test for anemia and blood typing, vision testing, pulmonary function test, glaucoma screening test, family planning and social services, dietary counseling, follow-up and referral.

Participants enjoyed refreshments of orange juice, coffee and cookies, compliments of: Dill's Grocery of Okemah, Safeway Foods of Okemah, Wilson's Grocery of Okemah and McDonald's of Henryetta.

Hospital employees who volunteered their services include: Clinic-Dr. Stephen Sutton; Nursing Service-Sue Pepper, Elaine Brock, Dyan Murray, Theresa Hargrove, Linda Layman; Dietary-Kay Owen, Mike Dunson, Lula Coon; Nursing Supervisor-Jean McCoy; Medical Records-Lerena Roberts, Reba Thomas; Purchasing-Franklin Lowe, Gwyn Taylor; Laboratory-Sammy Hill, Jenny Lillard, Diane Lowe; Emergency Medical Service-Brenda Manning, Jim Burkhart; Social Services-David Stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Tulsa, representatives of Planned Parenthood of Eastern Oklahoma, operated the workstation for Social Services and Family Planning.

Elena Bigpond wore a colorful clown costume and with the assistance of her daughter, Nancy, she entertained the children while their parents visited the workstations. Elena's own creation, a feathered white ostrich that walked, fascinated the children. The children received balloons with their names written on them.

Equipment for the Health Fair was donated by Eastern Oklahoma Health Fair Association and Hillcrest Hospital of Tulsa.

The Hospital expresses appreciation for all who participated in the Health Fair. We feel that it was a success. We look forward to planning a Health Fair for the Okemah community in the future.

Indian Jobs Book Chosen for Award

A recent publication entitled "While We're At It, Why Don't We Find You A Job" has been selected to receive a publishing field award for Best New Publication. Nominated by Arrowstar *Publishing of Denver*, Colorado, the book is the only kind ever to receive the award. According to one of the authors, Gregory W.Frazier (Crow);

"We are particularly pleased by the recent selection. It is rewarding to successfully compete in an industry where there is such a great number of publications and where we really did not expect to stand a chance. It has been said that the uniqueness of our book is what generated so much attention and acclaim." The book was authored by Gregory W. Frazier and Jon Guthrie who are experts in the job finding field. Both gentlemen have headed/owned private employment agencies, and together, have been responsible for over 10,000 Indians finding jobs.

The prepaid list price of the book is $9.95. It may be ordered by writing: National Council for Indian Business, P.O. Box 10134, University Park Station, Denver, CO. 80210-0134.

Miss Indian Oklahoma Reception...

CREEK NATION PRINC

THE REIGNING CREEK NATION PRINCESS, RHONDA RICHARDS, was among the tribal princesses and queens that were gathered at a Reception to honor Miss Indian Oklahoma, Audrey Barnett, Creek. The Reception was held June 14, at the Creek Nation Dining Hall. Shown are, left to right, Leslie Haynes, Runner-Up for Creek Nation Princess, Ms. Richards, and Stefanie Berryhill, also Runner-Up for the Creek Nation Princess title.

1985 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen...

QUEEN CREEK NATION RODEO
CREEK NATION RODEO

PAULA LONG WAS CROWNED THE NEW 1985 CN RODEO QUEEN in ceremonies held June 15 at the new Rodeo Arena. Ms. Long will reign as the Creek Nation Rodeo Queen for 1985. Stephanie Tarpalachee will reign as the Creek Nation Rodeo Queen in 1986, due to the closeness of this year's Rodeo Queen Contest.

Indian Alcohol & Drug Problems Addressed

The U.S. Congress is considering a number of similar bills to coordinate and expand efforts to prevent alcohol and drug problems among Indian youth. The bills have focused national attention on this major Indian issue. Both the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs and the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee have held field hearings and several Indian publications have carried editorials and reports.

In addition to the bill reauthorizing the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which includes a section on alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment, other bills introduced this year include H.R. 1156, H.R. 2624 and S. 1298.

Senator Mark Andrews of North Dakota said June 13 of S. 1298: "The Indian juvenile alcohol and drug abuse bill requires that all Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and contact schools, provide a program of instruction in the area of alcohol and drug abuse to students in kindergarten and grades 1 through 12, and that such program be developed in consulation with the Indian tribes."

Senator James Abdnor of South Dakota said of that bill: "I do not intend to support any program which simply throws money at a problem and then expects the problems to take care of itself. Our bill does not do this. This bill requires the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to coordinate alcohol and drug services on a national, area and agency level."

Representative John McCain of Arizona, in his introduction June 5 of H.R. 2624, said: "The IHS (Indian Health Service) has many duties in the field of health care--some which deal with drug and alcohol abuse. However, the expertise in the HHS (Health and Human Services) about this disease is in the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental Health Administration. Therefore my legislation would elevate the responsibility for Indian youth drug and alcohol abuse programs to a new coordinating office within that Administration."

The Navajo Times Today, after a young staff member was killed in an alcohol-related accident, editorialized that alcohol is no longer a problem. "It's a war, and one that Indian people are losing... This is a war with victims. It isn't just a metaphor. . . Fewer Indians have died in Korea, Vietnam or two world wars that have died because of alcohol. . . So we ask when are things going to change?. . . When does the killing stop?"

CN FESTIVAL RESULTS...

THE EUFAULA TRACK CLUB TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE CN ANNUAL OLYMPICS held in Okmulgee's Harmon Stadium during the Creek Nation Festival. Second Place went to Henryetta and Third Place to the Sicangu Striders of South Dakota. The Sportsmanship Trophy went to the Muskogee Indian Community. Janet Lee, CN Headstart Program Director served as coordinator of the olympics. Ms. Lee thanks all the coaches and CN staff that helped in the olympics, held June 14.

Creek Nation Olympic Results...

CREEK NATION OLYMPIC RESULTS
1st Place - Eufaula Track Club
2nd Place - Henryetta
3rd - Sicangu Striders, South Dakota
Sportsmanship - Muskogee Indian Community.

50 Meter 8-9 Girls
1st. Misty Wind - Cromwell
2nd. Ruby Starr - Wetumka
3rd. Kathy Foreman - Henryetta
Boys
Tyler McIntosh - Eufaula
Paul Holybee - Eufaula
Jan Van Daily - Henryetta
50 Meter 10-11
Andradia Nichols - Eufaula
Kim McNac - Arbeka
Andrea Hawkins - Eufaula
50 Meter 10-11 Boys
Marcus Cooper - Norman
Joe Martel - Eufaula
Jeremy Fish - Wetumka
100 Meter 8-9 Girls
April Harrison - Eufaula
Kathy Foreman - Henryetta
Ruby Starr - Wetumka
Boys
Tyler McIntosh - Eufaula
Patrick Holybee - Eufaula
Jan Van Daily - Henryetta
100 Meter 10-11 Girls
Andradia Nichols - Eufaula
Melinda Hill - Eufaula
Tisha Goodin - Holdenville
Boys
Marcus Cooper - Norman
Spencer McIntosh - Eufaula
Aaron McIntosh - Eufaula
100 Meter 12-13 Girls
Cara Williams - Eufaula
Sharon Jones - Alabama Tribal Town
Sarah Kirkpatrick - Eufaula
100 Meter 12-13 Boys
Ocie Wilson - Eufaula
Michael Manley - Weleetka
Eddie Lara - Eufaula
100 Meter 14-15 Girls
Gracine Hill - Weleetka
Chippie Lewis - Arbeka
Delilah Ramirez - Henryetta
Boys
Steve Thompson - Arbeka
Randy LaPointe - Striders
Mike Stafford - Eufaula
200 Meter 12-13 Girls
Veronica Vela - Dallas
Patsy Starr - Wetumka
Tonya Williams - Dallas
Boys
Willie Wind - Henryetta
Richard Scott - Okmulgee
Chris Merritt - Alabama Tribal Town
200 Meter 14-15 Girls
Gracine Hill - Weleetka
LaRae Demars - Henryetta
Chippie Lewis - Arbeka
Boys
Mike Stafford - Eufaula
Galen LaPointe - Striders
Ricky Barnoski - Muskogee
400 Meter 12-13 Girls
Debbie Brave - Striders
Melanie Thompson - Arbeka
Tonya Williams - Dallas
Boys
Jason Frazier - Dallas
Timothy Bruner - Liberty Mounds
Mark Allen - Muskogee
400 Meter 14-15 Girls
Jennifer Brave - Striders
Millie Wind - Cromwell
Kim Frank - Dallas
Boys
Brian Gourd - Okemah
Mark Bordeaux - Striders
Brett Tiger - Henryetta
10-11 Girls
Pamela Yargee - Alabama Tribal Town
Rebecca Newton - Eufaula
Misty McIntosh - Eufaula
Boys
Harold Picotte - Striders
Willie Lowe - Eufaula
Chris Graves - Muskogee
12-13 Girls
Rebecca LeClair - Eufaula
Tracie Tiger - Henryetta
Sharon Yargee - Alabama Tribal Town
Boys
Jason Fraizer - Dallas
Brian Larney - Dallas
Rick Stafford - Eufaula
Long Jump 8-9 Girls
Mistie Wind - Cromwell
Jenny Sumka - Henryetta
Leah McIntosh - Eufaula
8-9 Boys
Thomas Washington - Okmulgee
Erwin Bear - Arbeka
Shane McIntosh - Eufaula
10-11 Girls
Melinda Hill - Eufaula
Chrissy McIntosh - Eufaula
Thomasine LaPointe - Striders
Boys
Clayton Wind - Cromwell
Joe Leitka - Tulsa
Phillip Barnoski - Muskogee
12-13 Girls
Cara Williams - Eufaula
Lisa Rodriguez - Irving
Jackie Davis - Okmulgee
Boys
Ocie Wilson - Eufaula
Richard Scott - Okmulgee
Eddie Lara - Eufaula
14-15 Girls
Sarah Kirkpatrick - Eufaula
Delilah Ramirez - Henryetta
Rebecca LeClair - Eufaula
Boys
Randy LaPointe - Striders
Kaylon Wise - Okmulgee
Dean Blood - Henryetta
Shot Put 14-15 Girls
Vonda Switch - Okmulgee
Mary Lowe - Cromwell
Boys
Scott Johnson - Henryetta
David Worth - Eufaula
Chris Harjo - Okmulgee

800 Meter 12-13 Girls
Debbie Brave - Striders
April Fraizer - Dallas
Sunny Davis - Okmulgee
Boys
Steve Emery - Striders
Joe Leitka - Tulsa
Chris Hill - Weleetka
800 Meter 14 -15 Girls
Jennifer Brave - Striders
Thomasine Byrd - Okmulgee
Nancy Harjo - Arbeka
Boys
Jon Leitka - Tulsa
Chris Harjo - Okmulgee
Bryan Waln - Striders
One Mile Run 14-15 Girls
Thomasine Byrd - Okmulgee
Nancy Harjo - Arbeka
Chris Simmer - Cromwell
Boys
Jon Leitka - Tulsa
Brian Gourd - Okemah
Louis Postoak - Holdenville

Mixed Relay 8-9
Eufaula
Cromwell
Muskogee
Mixed Relay 10-11
Eufaula
Wetumka
Okmulgee
Mixed Relay 12-13
Eufaula
Arbeka
Striders
Mixed Relay 14-15
Arbeka
Cromwell
Henryetta
400 Relay 8-9 Girls
Henryetta
Eufaula
Boys
Henryetta
Eufaula
Arbeka
400 Relay 10-11 Girls
Eufaula
Arbeka
Tri-Cities
Boys
Cromwell
Okmulgee
Henryetta
400 Relay 12-13 Girls
Dallas
Eufaula
Muskogee
Boys
Henryetta
Dallas
Muskogee
400 Relay 14-15 Girls
Eufaula
Boys
Striders
Eufaula
Henryetta

FIELD EVENTS
Softball 8-9 Girls
Jenny Bible - Henryetta
Esther Yargee - Alabama Tribal Town
Paulette Starr - Wetumka
Boys
Tony Lehkheul - Henryetta
Jason Newton - Eufaula
Richard Marshall - Eufaula

'85 CREEK NATION RODEO RESULTS

JUNIOR BARREL RACING
Friday
1st Michelle Kilpatrick 19.015 $32.00
2nd Chay Nicholas 19.144 $24.00
3rd Ella Hicks 19.675 $16.00
4th Ernest Mcperryman 20.098 $8.00
Saturday
1st Kerri Adams 18.107 $36.00
Michelle Kilpatrick 19.384 $27.00
3rd Chay Nicholas 20.174 $9.00
4th Lori Hicks 20.174 $9.00
Buckle Winner-Michele Kilpatrick-total $59.00
All-Around (2 events) - Ernest Mcperryman- Won $43.00

STEER WRESTLING MONEY WON
Connie Boone 4.72 $431.80
Wally Dennison 4.92 $357.35
Dean Hammer 4.96 $282.90
Mike Ketcher 5.09 $208.45
Rodger Dahozy 5.34 $134.00
Leland Walking Bear 5.49 $74.45

CALF ROPING MONEY WON
Dick Foreman 9.77 $431.80
Sonnie Pickens 11.07 $357.35
Wayne Dennison 11.74 $282.90
Hal Thomason 11.78 $208.45
Jack Foreman 12.93 134.00
Raymond Holyan 13.31 $74.45

Junior Steer Riding
Friday
1st/2nd Shannon Brown & Kendall Roberts 63 24.50
3rd Bodie Roberts 62 $14.00
4th Rick Cooper 59 $7.00
Buckle winner-Shannon Brown-Total-$38.00

BAREBACK RIDING MONEY WON
James Duffield 72 $351.13
Glen Adeky 72 $351.13
Robert Palmer 69 $175.57

BRONC RIDING MONEY WON
James Faulk 70 $420.98
Phillip Whiteman 69 $315.74
Howard Hunter 68 $210.49
Chuck Lewis 67 $105.25

BULL RIDING SCORE MONEY WON
Brad Fish 72 $482.43
Matt Fowler 69 $399.25
Ron James 67 $274.48
Freddie Hudson 67 $274.48
Tim Scott 65 $116.45
Don Osburn 65 $116.45

TEAM ROPING
Wally Dennison/Wayne Denniso 7.66 $900.16
Justin Patterson/Jack Foreman 8.62 $744.96
Pepper Morgan/Chuck Morgan 8.68 $589.76
Ben Foreman/Jack Foreman 9.11 $434.56
Dee Keener/Jim Cooper 12.59 |279.36
Roy Ball/Chuck Morgan 12.91 $155.20

"OVER 50" CALF ROPING
Friday
1st Shot Harjo 5.35 $125.00
2nd Bill Burden 6.83 $75.00
3rd Bob Arrington 7.75 $50.00
Saturday
1st Shot Harjo 11.60. $125.00
Buckle Winner-Shot Harjo-Total won

CN RODEO JUNIOR EVENT WINNERS, Shannon Brown, left, Junior Steer Riding and Michelle Kilpatrick, Barrel Racing, are shown at the Rodeo Arena during the Creek Nation Festival. The All-Around Winner for the Junior Events was Ernest McPerryman.

The Creek Nation Riding Club Leads the Grand Entry during Opening Ceremonies

NOTICE

Creek Nation Contract Health Service Issues Program Guidelines

The purpose of the Contract Health Service (CHS) Program in the Creek Nation Community Hospital to supplement, within available funds,those services provided at the hospital and the Okemah Outpatient Clinic. Also, payment for inpatient services resulting from a referral from the Eufaula and Sapulpa Outpatient Clinic, W.W. Hasting Hospital, Tahlequah, and Claremore Indian Hospital.

An individual is considered as eligible provided they are of an Indian descent and a member of Federally recognized tribe. Need to provide the Certification of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB). Non-Indians are extended eligibility Indian child for the duration of her pregnancy thru post-partum and Non-Indian member of an eligible Indian's household if the Medical Officer in charge determines that this is necessary to control acute infectious disease or a public health hazard.

You must reside within the defined geographic catchment area of the Creek Nation boundaries.

Because of the limitations of funds available for the Creek Nation Hospital CHS Program, the following priorities, we have a category of fixed cost to support direct patient care services at the hospital for physicians who provides speciality care, which includes surgerys, anesthesia, urology, and radiology services for interpretation of the Ultra-sounds performed at the hospital.

All inpatient and ER referral is defined and established on the basis of recommendation of the Creek Nation Community Hospital Medical Staff. This referral would include, but not be limited to: Treatment for conditions medically determined as emergencies and which cannot be reasonably provided by the Creek Nation Hospital, and transferred to a private hospital and/or physician.

Example: severe trauma, acute appendicitis, acute MI, severe uncontrollable hemorrhage from wound, GI tract, acute urinary obstruction,complicated obstetric delivery and fracture, etc.

This includes inpatient referrals for urgent diagnostic or therapeutic needs of patient with medical condition requiring prompt medical attention that cannot be provided here at the Creek Nation. The Medical Staff will determine which referrals are emergencies.

Example: Consultations for Cardiology, Urology, Nephrology, ENT, Orthopedic, Opthalmology, Ct Scan, Thyroid Scan, Gastroscopy, Bronchoscopy, etc.

The following limitations are hereby established for eligible patients for the payment of medical expenses under the CHS fund:

No patient shall be eligible for more than $2,000 services per fiscal quarter after all alterate resources have been exhausted.

Present funding made available for the Creek Nation Hospital CHS Program requires the exclusion of payment for certain services as follows:

Payment on emergency services received at a private hospital,when not referred by Creek Nation Hospital's physicians.

Refraction and eyeglasses or 'contact lens.

Prosthetics and rehabilitative services.

Elective and cosmetic surgery.

Speech and physical therapy services.

Open Heart Surgery.

Skilled Nursing Facility and/or Nursing Home Care.

Medical Alcohol Detoxification and/or Drug Rehabilitation Services.

If an eligible person requires care that is not available at our facility or in an IHS facility, referral is made to a private facility. The referral does not constitute any committment on the part of the Creek Nation to pay for any services. A special purchase order initiated by the CHA Program performs this function. The CHS Program is the only program element that can authorize payment for care outside our facility. Basically, the CHS Program is the only program element that can authorize payment for care outside our facility. Basically, the CHS Program uses three purchase order forms. The HRSA 43 is a purchase order for inpatient hospital services; the HRSA 64 is used for services other than hospital or dental and which usually is used for the purchase of outpatient services, x-ray, laboratory, physicians services, etc; the HRSA 57 is used to purchase dental services.

It is important to note that physicans and other health care professionals do not authorize payment for health care. The CHS Program Officer does this by issuing a CHS Purchase Order form.

It is the Creek Nation Community Hospital to maximize the use of alternate resources. Consequently, all patients will be expected to either apply or use an alternate resources available to them. An alternate resources is defined as and includes Title 19-Medicaid, Title 18-Medicare, private health insurance,Workman's Compensation, Crippled Children Program, Indian Health Services Hospitals and Clinics, Veteran Administration,etc. Contract Health Service payment will not be authorized when and to the extent that an alternate resource for provision of the necessary medical care is available and accessible to the individual requesting the services or would be available upon application by the individual for the alternate resource. This means the following procedure are applicable:

Patients currently eligible for State of Oklahoma Title 19 Medicaid Program will be required to utilize their benefits from Medicaid and Creek Nation CHS Program will supplement payment as appropriate and consistent with available funds.

Patients not currently eligible for Title 19 Medicaid will be asked to make application for benefits under Medicaid if there is a reasonable indication the patient would be eligible for the alternate resource. Failure to complete the application process, or failure to cooperate with the State Medicaid Program will necessistate a denial of payment for Contract Health Services.

Patients currently eligible for the Title 18-Medicare Program or having private health insurance will be required to utilize their Medicare and assignment of Medicare or Insurance payments and the payment check is sent to the patient, it is the patient's responsibility to forward the check to the physicians to bring or mail to the CHS office to be forwarded. If the payment check is spent by the patient for personal use, the payment for the physician's charges are the responsibility of the patient.

Any person to whom payment for Contract Health Services has been denied is entitled to be notified in writing stating the reasons(s) for denial. The letter of denial states the reason for the denial of payment and explains the right of appeal. The insurance benefits, and the Creek Nation CHS Program will supplement payment within available funds. Where a private physician does not accept patient has appeal rights within 30 days of the date the denial letter is received to the Administrator of the hospital. The patient's letter of appeal must contain additional supporting information and if the initial decision to deny payment is sustained by the Administrator, the next level of appeal is to the Director of Community Service.

The Contract Health Service Program is funded annually by Congress. The program can not always guarantee that sufficient funds will be available for all health care needs. It is not an entitlement program nor an insurance program.

The Creek Nation Community Hospital Health Care Program operates from Indian Health Services funds provided under Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self-Determinatin Act. Laura Mackey Contract Health Specialist, administers the program and may be contacted at 918-623-1424. For questions or information regarding their program.

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best:

"God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause His face to shine upon us; That thy way be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations." Psalms 67:1-2

We need Gods' blessings and grace upon our lives that we may show Gods' love through our lives and be able to teach and preach the Word of God in truth and power in order for our people to know the way of Gods' salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. How we long in our hearts for our Indian people to know the saving grace of God that Jesus Christ provides. We are praying and fasting, asking God to move in great power in the hearts and lives of our people here in America and Canada. "Oh God, send your Spirit in power and truth into the midst of our people."

During the past month, I preached two revivals, one youth meeting and went to a missions conference. During that time, Bennie spent one week in the hospital. Praise God for His strength!

God blessed during the revivals last month. In the first revival, there was one man saved, and many came for prayer and committment of their lives to serve God more faithfully. In the second revival, the entire church seemed to experience real revival, with many responding almost every night. There were two teenagers saved and others came for rededication and prayer for our Indian youth. Satan is ravishing our youth in these days. Drinking, drugs and immorality is on the increase. How we need to pray for our young people that they might get saved and be free from the bondage of sin.

We had a great meeting with First Texas Indian Baptist church in their missions conference. Praise God for a few days to enjoy fellowship and have our lives refreshed.

Bennie is much better, for which we thank the Lord. We want to thank each of you who prayed for her during this time of crises. Please keep both of us on your prayer list as we both need your prayers for body, mind and spirit, and also for the leadership of our heavenly Father.

At this time, we have not as yet purchased the duplicating and taping equipment. We are making a decision on exactly which ones to buy. We thank you who have given toward that purchase. More gifts have come in since we wrote you last month. This will be a big step in our ministry as we teach and preach Gods' precious word.

We want to thank each church and person who supports this ministry with their prayers and finances. May God continue to bless each of you and meet your spiritual needs daily.
Your missionaries to the
North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest & Bennie Best

Outstanding Alumnus Honor for Freeman

Mrs. Hepsey Berryhill Freeman, was presented with a plaque honoring her as the Outstanding Alumnus for 1985 by the Seneca Indian School Alumni Association. Mrs. Freeman now serves as the secretary for the Seneca Alumni she is also active in the Haskell Alumni Association.

Hepsey is a Biological Laboratory Technician for the BayVet Corporation Division of Miles Laboratory, Shawnee, Kansas, where she has been employed for the past eleven years.

She and her husband Robert Freeman have raised their family of 10 children and lived in Shawnee, Kansas for the last 35 years. She is the grandmother of 17 children. She is also the daughter of Celia Freeman Berryhill, who is the oldest living original allottee in Okmulgee.

"Father of the Year"...

"THE OLDEST FATHER WITH THE MOST CHILDREN" AWARD was presented to Rev. Dave Bible, Coweta, in the Father's Day Dinner held in the CN Dining Hall. Shown with Bible is one of his children, Shirley Thomas, Okmulgee, a cook is one of his children, Shirley Thomas, Okmulgee, who works with the Elderly Nutrition Program at Creek Nation.

Tribe Wins - No Cigarette Taxes Imposed

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals . . . in reversing a lower court decision. . . has held that the Chemehuevi Indian Tribe does not have to abide by the California cigarette tax law.

The Chemehuevis operate a resort on the eastern edge of California near lake Havasu . . .which sells cigarettes. For two years in the mid- 1970's, the tribe paid the state cigarette tax to the California Board of Equalization. In 1977, the tribe imposed its own tax on cigarette sales in an amount equal to the state tax and stopped paying the state. The board, in turn, attempted to seize off-reservation Chemehuevi bank accounts and recorded liens against assets of the tribe.

The tribe filed suit in U.S. District Court to enjoin enforcement of the state tax and the board counter-claimed to recover delinquent taxes. The District Court dismissed the board's claim but found the Chemehuevis were required to pay the state tax. In reversing the lower court decision, the Appeals Court held that the Chemehuevi Tribe is a sovereign entity and therefore has immunity against the boards action.

A key point in the Appeals Court finding was the fact that the California statute authorizing the tax on cigarettes was intended to impose on to the purchaser. Therefore, collection of the tax from the tribe was ruled unlawful and the tribe's request for injunctive relief was granted.

The board has indicated through the California Attorney General's Office that it may petition the U.S. Supreme Court to review the case, according to Richard Alvarez, Chemehuevi Tribal Chairman.

Food Distribution Program
New Income Guidelines effective July 10, 1985

The Creek Nation Food Distribution Program will open two new distributing sites - one in Dewar, located at the Dewar Indian Community Center on 4th and Luellen. The second site will be in Bristow located at 121 W. Lincoln, this site will serve the Depew, Drumright and surrounding areas.

If you miss a pick-up day, contact the Commodity Warehouse, 756-3467. The Warehouse will be closed the last working day of each month for inventory. Bristow - 121 W. Lincoln, Bristow, OK., Depew, Drumright, and the surrounding areas.

Dewar & Morris 2nd & 4th Wednesday - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Wilson, Schulter & Henryetta 2nd & 4th Wednesday - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Bristow & surrounding areas 1st & 3rd Thursday 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	$533
2	683
3	833
4	983
5	1,133
6	1,283
7	1,433
8	1,583

CN Festival Softball, Volleyball Results Posted

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL RESULTS

1ST PLACE - Windjammers - Coach Kenneth Factor - Stroud, Oklahoma.
2ND PLACE — Roadrunners - Lawrence, Ks
3RD PLACE — Torbett of Okmulgee
4TH PLACE — Broken Bow - Craig,Oklahoma

ALL — STARS
Cherly Jones - Broken Bow - Craig,Okla
Theresa Fuxa - Lynn's Electric of Norman
Sidney Long - Torbetts of Okmulgee
Debbie Jimboy - Torbetts's of Okmulgee
Patty Bryant - Roadrunners of Lawrence,Ks
Emma Walker - Roadrunners of Lawrence,Ks
Missy Mason - Windjammers of Stoud,Ok
Louise Grayson - Windjammers of Stroud,Ok

SPORTMANSHIP — Sapulpa Thunderbirds
MOST VALUABLE PLAYER
Melissa Marrien - Roadrunners - Lawrence ks
Tracy Harris - Windjammers

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS
1st Place - Tri City, Wewoka & Holdenville. Tri City came from the lossers bracket to win the Championship, Coach was Gilbert Herrod.
2nd. Place - Beano - Tulsa, Coach Gary Beano.
3rd. Place - Red Raiders - Ada, Coach Haskell Alexander.
Sportsmanship - Night Hawks - Hanna.
Hanna, Coach Sam Harjo.
M.V.P. - Frances Herrod, Tri City Team.

Softball Results
1st Place - Bushyhead - W.G. Bushyhead - Coach
2nd Place - Tulsa County - Bill Record - Coach
3rd Place - Red Race - Glenn Wermy - Coach
4th Place - Creek Nation - Rick Wolfe - Coach
5th Place Tie - Little Axe - Jim Little Jim - Coach
CM & CMF- Charley Fixico - Coach
Most Valuable Players:
Alvin Bucktrot
(Bushyhead)
Roger Ogle
(Tulsa County)
ALL—STARS
Randy Fixico - C & F
Duke Blanchard - Littl-Axe
Dean Williams - Creek Nation
Windy Ward - Red Race
Charley LaSarge - Tulsa County
Bill Dowdy - Tulsa County
Steve Scott - Bushyhead
Don McIntosh - Bushyhead

Tokepuchee Tribal Town to Hold Meeting

Tokepuchee Tribal Town will hold a meeting Saturday, July 27, beginning at 10:00 A.M. at the Yeager Mission Church.

All "Tokepuchee" Tribal Town members are requested to attend this meeting.

Please bring a covered dish for lunch.

Softball Park Dedication...

TOSSING OUT THE FIRST BALL AT THE CN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, in Dedication Ceremonies of the new Softball Park located in the Sports Omniplex are (left to right) Chief Cox, Perry Beaver, Creek Second Chief, Carney Roberts, National Council Speaker and James Milroy, Mayor of the City of Okmulgee.

ORIGINAL CREEK ALLOTEE, EDMUND BARNETT, SR., teaches his great-grandson, Steven Barnett, from the Creek Bible. The Creek elders should be recognized and honored for the personal and historical contribution they have made to the tribe in passing on to the youth, the knowledge and culture of the Creek way of life. Steven Barnett is the son of Elliot and Della Barnett of Henryetta.

Original Allottees to Receive Payments

The Creek Nation Citizenship Board has verified the names and addresses of 309 tribal members who were the original allottees of the Muscogee Creek Nation.

The tribal program to identify the original allottees, initiated this year, updates the list of original allottees, currently living, who received allotments of tribal land prior to statehood.

The update process provides a basis for the awarding of a General Assistance payment as recognition for the historical and personal contribution these tribal citizens have made to the Creek Nation.

This ordinance, authorizing budgeting and appropriating tribal funds for the General Assistance payment, was enacted and passed unanimously by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on May 16.

The amount of the General Assistance payment is $300 per original allottee.

Holy Ghost Campmeeting Planned at Pine Ridge

A Holy Ghost Campmeeting is scheduled August 4th to 10th at Pine Ridge, S.Dakota. There will be three services daily and two meals served daily. For more information contact Brother Franklin Hill, Box 1519, Pine Ridge, S. Dakota 57770 or call (685)867-5118.

ULDTIMER'S DAY WAS RECENTLY HELD AT THE LITTLE COWETA BAPTIST CHURCH, during their Centennial Celebration June 26-30. Shown dressed for the occasion are the women members of the church; (left to right), Janetta Barnett, Mary Farrow, Dorotha Reed, Bennie (Mrs. Ernest) Best, Sonya Davis, Brenda Earls, Helen Mitchell, Hattie Jones, Susie McFarland, and Mrs. Paula Hawkins, wife of Rev. Gary Hawkins, Pastor of the church. **(SEE RELATED STORY PAGE 11).**

Diabetes and Obesity Study Released Oklahoma Indians are Target of Study

Information Provided by the CN Division of Community Services

A study was recently conducted on diabetes rates among Oklahoma Indians, with the findings published in an article in "Diabetes Care," Volume 8, Number 2, March-April 1985 issue. The article was written by Elisa T. Lee, PhD, Paul Anderson, Jr., PhD, John Bryan, PhD, Carman Bahr, MD, Thomas Coniglione, MD, and Mario Cleves, MS.

Dr. Kelly M. West became interested in the high rate of type II diabetes among the Oklahoma Indian tribes during his studies on the epidemiology of diabetes. In 1972-79, he recruited 2095 adult Oklahoma Indians from 27 contiguous counties. They represented the Five Civilized Tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Creek and Seminole) and the Plains Tribes including Comanches, Kiowas, Caddos, Wichitas, Cheyennes, Osages, Shawnees, Arapahos, Apaches, Poncas, etc. Among them, 1085(52%) were diagnosed as being diabetic and 1010 (48%) as non-diabetic. The diabetic subjects were recruited from the Indian Hospitals of the U.S. Public Health Service and their satellite clinics. Most of the subjects reside in predominantly rural Southwest areas (Lawton, Shawnee, and Clinton areas) and all have similar lifestyle and social and economic status. More than half of the subjects are from the Lawton area. About 40% of the non-diabetic subjects were spouses of the diabetic subjects.

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The diabetes status for the ten Oklahoma tribes tabulated are as follows; Comanche-in a total of 599, 216 were diabetic; Kiowa-in a total of 427, 178 were diabetic; Choctaw-in a total of 150, 80 were diabetic; Caddo-69, 62 were diabetic; Chickasaw-in a total of 53, 31 were diabetic; Cherokee-in a total of 47, 19 were diabetic.

The project studied the relationship between diabetes mellitus and familial diabetes, obesity, and other possible risk factors in Oklahoma Indians. Quantum of Indian blood is very high in this study group. Our data showed a strong association between diabetes and parental diabetes status even though our estimate was conservative. Frequency of diabetes among siblings was significantly higher in families with one or two diabetic parent(s) than those without affected parents. However, no significant difference was found between families with one diabetic parent and those with two diabetic parents.

Diabetes was rare in Oklahoma Indians before 1940. They were very lean before the 20th century. Most of them were very active in outdoor activities; many were nomadic hunters and meat eaters. In the last several decades, the Indian lifestyles have changed completely. Outdoor activities have reduced drastically; however, their diets, concepts of ideal weight, and metabolic system still remain pretty much the same. Apparently, their consumption of calories is excessive in relation to energy expenditure. This excess is substantially derived from high-fat diet, which was necessary in the past.

There is no doubt that both genetic and environmental factors contribute to the high prevalence of diabetes in Oklahoma Indians. The diets and opinions and attitudes on obesity are essential environmental factors. Thus, in addition, to basic research on genetic, metabolic, and biochemical characteristics that are related to diabetes, the importance of cultural effects cannot be ignored.

MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA, Audrey Barnett, and Doris Littrell, owner of the Oklahoma Indian Art Gallery, Oklahoma City, visit during a Reception held at the Gallery for the reigning Miss Indian Oklahoma.

Weleetka Indian Community News

By Ethel Coleman Torres

Mrs. Doris Littrell, co-owner of the Oklahoma Indian Art Gallery in Oklahoma City, with the support of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women (Mary McCormick, President) and Pageant director Shirley Wapskineh, gave Miss Audrey Barnett, Eufaula, the 1985 "Miss Indian Oklahoma" a well-attended Reception by Federation members, family members and many friends at the art gallery.

The Reception was held so that people could meet Audrey and to offer their support.

The Chilocco Indian School held their 101st Annual Reunion at the Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, OK with a possible 1,200 signed in for the three day event. The fartherest came from Panama Canal. She was Anna Jacobs. Susie Tiger of McLoud, OK was from the Class of 1928.

Tulsa Chapter of Chilocco Alumni was host. Co. "C" of Chilocco was honored. Both 180th Infantry and 279 Infantry Associations holding their First Annual Reunion, with charter member recognition and Col. Pendleton Woods, President of 45th Division's Association presenting the charter to Lt. Col. Perry Woolridge, Chilocco's Co. "C" Association.

Twelve Chilocco Alumni were inducted into Chilocco's Hall of Fame. Presenting the awards were the 1984 "Hall of Fame" recipients.

The 45th Division Band furnished the music for the dance following.

The Chilocco Alumni Chapter in Oklahoma City, will host the June 1986 Alumni Reunion.

Wanda Standridge

Art Institute Graduates Includes Creek Woman

Wanda Annette Standridge of Bixby, Oklahoma is attending the Institute of American Indian Arts and will graduate in May, 1986 with a major (AFA) - Associate of Fine Arts in Museology.

Mrs. Standridge is from Bixby, Oklahoma.

During the summer of 1984 she was chosen as intern at the Heard Museum, in Phoenix, Arizona. She was the first Native American to be chosen for this special program. The Roger Lyon Endowment provides this opportunity.

She had on hands training in cataloging, cleaning silver work, packing loans and helping with a major exhibit at the museum.

Upon graduation, Mrs.Standridge will be accepting a position at the Southwest Museum in California. This will be an internship of 8 weeks. This is the first time for a Native American to hold a position at that museum. She will be working on the California Hall dealing with basketry and other artifacts from that location.

Thank you to the Creek Nation for funding my schooling.

BIA Schools Post Rules Enrollment Procédures

Parents wishing to enroll their children in any of the Muskogee Area BIA schools are reminded of the following requirements:

Applications must be submitted to the school and approved before a student may be admitted to any Muskogee Area schools.

Students must reside within the State of Oklahoma or adjoining states, and in the case of Sequoyah High School, may reside in states generally east of the Mississippi River.

Each school will accept applications until filled. Applications and special instructions for applying may be obtained by writing or calling each respective school:

Mr.Van McIntosh,Administrator
Eufaula Boarding School
P.O. Box 466
Eufaula, Ok 74432
(918) 689-2523

Mr. Mike Bailey, Administrator
Jones Academey
Hartshorne, Ok 74547
(918) 297-2518

Mr. Robert J. Berryhill, Director
Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma
Carter Seminary
2400 Chickasaw Boulevard
Ardmore, Ok 73401
(405) 223-8547

Ms. Nadine Givens, Principal
Sequoyah High School
P.O. Box 558
Tahlequah, Ok 74465
(918) 456-0631

Students accepted to Eufaula, Hartshorne, and Carter Seminary reside in the dormitories and attend the local public schools. Sequoyah provides residential and academic programs for grades 9-12 on campus, as well as selected vocational programs through the Bill Willis Skill Center. Eufaula, Carter Seminary, and Jones Academy are operated by the Creek Nation, Chickasaw Nation and Choctaw Nation, respectively.

Bryan Beatty

Bryan Beatty Recipient Academic Fitness Award

Bryan Beatty, a fifth grader at Westside Elementary School in Okmulgee, Oklahoma received a Presidential Academic Fitness Award at a special meeting Thursday, May 23, 1985 at the school cafetorium.

The award started in 1983 in recognition of the need to promote academic achievement and was modeled after the physical fitness awarded started by President Johnson in 1966. The criteria for the award is to attain a B plus average in the elementary school years, including the first semester of the fifth grade and to have received score of the most recent taken placing the student at or above the 80 percentile on any nationally recognized standardized achievement test battery.

Bryan is the son of Ms. Karen Long, Okmulgee, and the grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Long, Jenks, Oklahoma.

Janita Screechowl

Sapulpa Student Second in Speech

Janita Screechowl, daughter of Ed and Janice Screechowl, Sapulpa, placed Second in Speech Competition at the 1985 State 4-H Round-Up at Oklahoma State University recently. Janita also placed Second in Speech Competition at District 4-H contest.

Janita, a seventh grader at Sapulpa Lone Star School, is a member of the yearbook staff, pompom squad, 4-H Club, Scholastic team, Vocal Music and Band.

Janita is a member of the "Just Kids" Dairy Goat Club in which she serves as program chairman and is active in livestock judging competition.

Janita has received a superior rating in flute solo at the Sand Springs Music Festival this spring. Janita was selected to play the bass clarinet in the Green Country Honor Band which consists of outstanding instrumentalists from fifteen Creek County schools, and was chosen May Student of the Month.

Janita is the granddaughter of Jo Factor, Depew, and Angie Schreechowl, Weleetka.

1985 All Nations Running Clinic - Road Race Set

The 1985 All Nations Running Clinic and Road Races will be held at the Norbert Hill Center (Oneida Tribal School) on September 7th and 8th 1985. These events will bring together Indian and non-Indian runners to be instructed by world and national class runners and coach in an intensive one-day clinic.

This is an invitation for your tribe to sponsor one (or more) runner to represent your tribe at this event. The entry fee for each runner is $50.00 which includes world and national class running instruction, clinic materials, t-shirt, all meals, lodging (dormitory style), reception (serving non-alcohol beverages), and run entry.

The Oneida Tribal School is on the Oneida Reservation which is 7 miles west of Green Bay. A major airport is 3 miles from the Norbert Hill Center and there is a Greyhound depot 10 miles away. Your representative will be assigned to a family who will guide him/her throughout the area and transportation will not be a problem when they arrive.

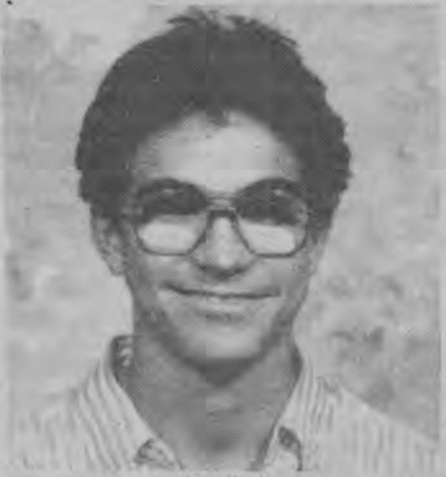
Dick Beardsley, the second fastest American marathoner in history (2:08.53), and Bill Squires, coach of 17 National Champions, are the featured guest speakers/runners at the 1985 All Nations Running Clinic and Road Races on Saturday and Sunday, September 7th and 8th, 1985. The events will be held at the Norbert Hill Center, Oneida, WI (7 miles of Green Bay on Hwy. 54).

The other guest speakers/runners are Chuck Foster, Cross County All American from Kansas University and a member of the National Indian Athletic Hall of Fame, and John Zupanc, first Wisconsin runner to finish the 1985 Boston Marathon in 18th Place (2:27).

The Road Race distances are 15 K(9.3 miles) and 4K (2.5 miles) with 9 age groups and awards going to six places. The one mile Fun Run is non-competitive. T-shirts will be given to all participants. There will be post run drawings and refreshments.

The clinic is limited to 600 participants (registration deadline is August 24, 1985) and there is no limit for the races/fun run.

Registration/Entry Information is available from: Dan Ninham, Oneida Tribal School, P.O. Box 365, Oneida, WI, 54155. Summer phone number: 218-679-3575.



Brad Harris

Creek Discus Champ

Brad Harris, 13, of Great Bend, won the state championship in the discus at the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Junior Olympics recently at Junction City.

Harris competed in the 13-14 year old bracket and he won with a personal-best toss of 157-11.

Harris has been competing in the Junior Olympics for the past three years and in the last two has thrown the discus.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Great Bend, Ks. His grandparents are; Mr. and Mrs. Burl Harris and his greatgrandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Record of Pickett Prairie. In addition, he has many relatives in Sapulpa, OK.

Tribe/City Plan Bingo Venture at Sears Store

Interior Deputy Assistant Secretary John Fritz on June 13 authorized giving a former Sears store in Duluth, Minnesota, the status of Indian trust land so it can be used for a high-stakes bingo game to benefit both the Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa Indians and the City of Duluth.

The property, after it is taken into trust by the United States for the Band, will not be subject to state regulatory lawas restricting bingo games. Under an agreement between the Band and the City of Duluth, the property will be leased for 25 years to a joint commission of city and tribal representatives that will operate the bingo games on the property.

Profits from the bingo will be distributed among the city, 25 percent; tribe 25 percent and joint commission, 50 percent for development of other projects to benefit both tribe and city. The Fond du Lac Reservation is about 30 miles outside Duluth. The city has suffered economically from the depression in the steel industry.

Danny Campbell

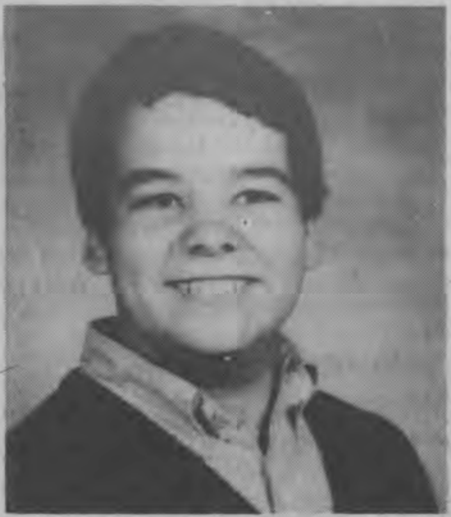
NSU Honor Roll Includes Creek

Danny Ray Campbell, Senior at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK, has made the Dean's Honor Roll and has finished the second semester of his Junior year making the President's Honor Roll.

Danny, majoring in Elementary Education, plans to start his internship in January. He is presently attending summer school.

He is the son of Lillie Killingsworth, Helton, and the grandson of Naomi Killingsworth of Checotah and the late Bryan Killingworth.

Thanks to the Creek Nation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs for their support of school grants.



Danny Bledsoe

Boy's State Selection Includes Creek Youth

Danny Bledsoe has been selected to attend the 1985 Oklahoma American Legion Boy's State. He received the Checotah Honor "C" in both American and World History and in Government.

Danny was a member of the Checotah High School Brain Bowl Team that took place at the Conners State College Brain Bowl. In the Sixth Annual Scholastic Contest held at Eastern Oklahoma State College, Danny was the Second Place winner in the World Geography Division.

Danny is a 16-year old Junior and has been selected to appear in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and has been awarded a $400 institutional scholarship to Conners State College. He is the son of Danna Bledsoe and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Bledsoe of Checotah.

NOTICE
Community Meeting

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Department of Community Research and Development Administration staff will meet at the Wilson School Cafeteria on Monday, July 22, at 7:00 p.m.to discuss organizing an Indian Community for Creek residents in the Wilson and Schulter area. Creek residents living in these areas are encouraged to attend and participate in this session. For more information about the meeting contact Steve Landsberry at 756-8700.

Miss Indian America Contest Deadline Set

Somewhere in America there is a young Indian woman who will serve the cause of racial harmony with the proud title of "Miss Indian America, 1986".

Miss Indian America will spend one year representing her race at public functions all over the country. During her reign she will live as a guest in private homes in Bismarck. All her travel and expenses will be paid, in addition to a monthly stipend. She will also earn a college scholarship.

Twenty-seven young women have held the Miss Indian America title since the pageant was begun in 1953.

Candidates must be at least 50% Indian blood, between the ages of 18 and 25, unmarried and with no dependents. They must have completed high school.

Applications for the competition to select next year's queen are due July 1. Applications blanks may be picked up at tribal offices anywhere in the U.S. and Canada, or you can get one by writing Carolyn Nodland, Miss Indian America Pageant Director, Box 81, Bismarck,N.D. 58502.

The pageant will be held the week of September 3 to September 7, 1985 in Bismarck.

The candidates will be judged on poise, character, intelligence, Indian charateristics, scholastic interest, talent and dedication to the advancement of Indian people. The winner must have the ability to speak to groups and to encourage young people.

There is no limit to the number of applicants from any particular tribe. The present Miss Indian America is Deborah Secakuku, a Hopi from Second Mesa, Arizona. The pageant was moved last year from it's original site in Sheridan, Wyoming, to the North Dakota capital city. All applications must be postmarked by July 10, 1985.

Flaming Sword to be Special Guests at Navajo Nation Gospel Festival

Morning Star Ministries has been invited to minister at Red Mesa, Arizona, Farmington and Santa Fe, New Mexico. The group will leave July 31st returning home August 10th.

Their first stop will be at the "6th Annual Navajo Nation Gospel Festival, August 2 and 3rd at Red Mesa, Arizona hosted by the Ralph Dee Family. Morning Stars band the Flaming Sword has been invited to be the Special Guest at this years Festival. The Festival features teaching and preaching the Word of God as well as ministering in music.

Kenneth Tayl

Indian Arts Institute Grads Includes Local Creek

Kenneth Nelson Taylor, son of Kenneth and Luanna Taylor, Anaheim, California, graduated May 24 from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Kenneth is the grandson of Alice Taylor and the late Hully Taylor of Henryetta, OK and grandson of Lucinda Robbins of Tahlequah, Ok and Mike Vann of Oklahoma City.

BIRTHS...

Alfonzo Chiles III

Nancy and Alfonzo Chiles Jr., of Eufaula, Ok., wish to announce the arrival of their 6lb. 7oz. son, Alfonzo Chiles III, born May 29, 1985, at W.W. Hastings Hospital, Tahlequah,OK. He has one sister at home, La Nisa Kelly.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Alfonzo Chiles Sr. of Eufaula. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Floyd of Eufalua. Great-great maternal grandmother is Mrs. Mae Newport of Eufaula.

Samantha Lynn Thomas

Samantha Lynn Thomas was born March 26 at Claremore Indian Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds and a 1/2 ounce and was 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Gary M. and Debra Thomas of Sapulpa.

Grandparents are Viola M. Thomas and Carol Roberts, both of Tulsa, and Gene Lenhart of Rogers, Ark.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank McPartland of Sapulpa and Mr. and Mrs. Don Lenhart of Rogers, Ark.

Academic All-American Honor Goes to Creek

The National Secondary Education Council announced today that John Michael Zientek has been named an Academic All-American.

The NSEC has established the Academic All-American Scholar Award Program in order to offer deserved recognition to superior students who excel in the Academic disciplines, The Academic All-American Scholars must earn a 3.3 or better grade point average. Only scholars selected by a secondary school instructor, counselor, or other qualified sponsor are accepted. These scholars are also eligible for other awards given by the NSEC. These awards given by the NSEC. These are awards few students can ever hope to attain.

John, who attends Okemah Middle School, was nominated for this National Award by Dr. Larry McKinney, Principal of the Middle School. John will appear in the Academic All-American Scholar Directory, which is published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in American history. Certainly, winners of the Academic All-American Awards should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Executive Director of the National Secondary Education Council.

The Council selects Academic All-American Scholars upon the exclusive recommendations of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors. Once awarded, the students may be recognized by the NSEC for other honors.

John is the son of Michael and Linda Zientek and his grandparents are; Minnie Poole of Wetumka and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Zientek of Wetumka.

Bloodmobile Scheduled August 13 At Complex

The Creek Nation will sponsor a Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex, Mound Building, on Tuesday, August 13, 1985.

The Bloodmobile will be set up at the East Entrance of the Mound Building from 12 noon until 4:00 P.M.

Persons wishing to donate blood should contact Etta Conner, Coordinator of this year's Drive, at 756-8700, Ext. 201.

Last year a Red Cross BloodMobile was held at the Mound on September 28 in which 30 Creek Nation employees and community people donated blood. The thirty donors were screened for Diego b negative, a rare blood factor found in American Indians. The screening was part of a special blood screening program of the Tulsa Chapter of the American Red Cross, who held the Blood Drive last year.

Day Reunion Set

The Cynthia Day Reunion will be held at Nichols Park in Henryetta on August 3, starting 10:00 A.M. Bring a covered dish and join the fun. For more information contact M. Hobia, 405-786-2792.

National Council Meeting Saturday, July 27, 10:00

Obituaries...

LINDA BARNETT TAYLOR

Funeral services for Linda Barnett Taylor, 61 of Wetumka were held February 6 at the Sand Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Bill Beaver officiating. She was born April 3, 1923 the daughter of Samouchee and Melinda Barnett. She died February 3 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital. She was a lifetime member of the Sand Creek Indian Baptist Church. She attended school near Wetumka and a boarding school in Durant and Granada, Arizona. She then returned to Wetumka.

Survivors include two sons; George Barnett of Holdenville, Clayton Buckley of Tulsa. Two daughters, Margaret Tiger, Wetumka and Mahalia Harjo of Henryetta. Two brothers, Muncie Barnett, Wetumka and Albert Thomas of Okmulgee. Two sisters, Lela Barnes and LeeAnna Noon both of Wetumka. Two uncles, Dave Harjo, Okemah and Higgie Harjo, Wetumka. 12 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Interment was in Sand Creek Cemetery under direction of Buckley's Funeral Home.

LEONARD LITTIFF BEVENUE

Leonard L. Bevenue was born in Beggs, Oklahoma on January 22, 1911. He moved to Sapulpa at an early age and lived there until his death at the age 74 on Thursday June 27 of a heart attack.

He was the oldest of 12 children born to William and Cinda Harjo Bevenue. He was preceded in death by 3 brothers Merle, Roy and Joe. He was married for 52 years to Mary Cumsey Bevenue and had 8 children.

He worked at the Euchee Mission School and was known by many friends there by the nickname "Pete". He was later employed as a welder and worked at many various places including Douglas Aircraft Corporation. He worked for a time in Phoenix, Arizona and in White Sands, New Mexico. He retired from the Acme Machine Company in 1975.

He was a friend to everybody and was a help to everyone that had need, most of all he was a friend to his children. He was loved and will be missed by those who knew him.

He had a love for the Lord, and would often quote John 14:1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled; Ye believe in God; believe also in me for in my Fathers house are many mansions and if it were not so I would have told you, and if I go and prepare a place for you then I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also."

BEVENUE continued...

This promise was fulfilled to our husband, Daddy, Grandpa and friend on June 27, 1985 and he will dwell there in his mansion with Jesus; without any more suffering, tears, or worry forever. Though we feel a loss, there is joy in knowing that we will see him again someday, and that he left to us a legacy, of faith, in his belief of salvation, and trust in God.

He leaves behind him here to wait in this life, his wife Mary, 5 sons, Leonard Jr, Paul, Donnie and Raymond of Sapulpa, Ronnie of Tulsa; 3 daughters, Jean and Virginia of Sapulpa and Lou of the home; 6 brothers: Jack and Alfred of Okmulgee, Pat of Sapulpa, Melvin and Everett of Tulsa, Richard of Mounds; 2 sisters Evelyn Dingman of Sapulpa, Lorena Baker of Ada, 23 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

SADIE STIDHAM

Funeral services were held June 14, at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel for Sadie Stidham. Rev. R. Harold Brown officiated the service.

Mrs. Stidham was born May 20, 1921. She retired from Ball Inc. after 40 years of service. She had served as treasurer for Local 88 and had served on the board of directors of Ball Employees Federal Credit Union.

Survivors include her husband, Melvin Stidham of Okmulgee, one sister Margaret Thornburgh, Okmulgee; one brother, Harry Alden, Kenwick, Wa.; and two half brothers, Edwin and John Alden.

OIO/Indian Center Art Show Planned

Oklahomas for Indian Opportunity (OIO) and the Center of the American Indian announce, "Quest of a New Generation", an art show to give developing Indian artists the opportunities to get recognition and build a portfolio including awards. This show will be held to celebrate Indian Achievement Week and OIO's 20th Anniversary.

The show will be held at the Center of the American Indian in Kirkpatrick Center in Oklahoma City. A reception on Saturday, October 5 will open the show which will be on view to the public through November 25,1985.

Categories for the show include: paintings, sculpture, drawings, pottery, and baskets. We are seeking fifty pieces of work which we will begin accepting September 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Center of the American Indian.

The paintings and drawings should be matted, framed or of show quality and the work can be sold.

Three well-known Oklahoma Indian artists will serve as judges for the show and there will be awards; one grand prize and five first place winners.

The show will be a great opportunity for young and developing Indian artist to show and be seen. If you would like further information contact OIO, 555 Constitution, Norman,Ok 73069 or call 405/329-3737. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Oklahomans for Opportunity 555 Constitution Norman,Ok 73069

Creek Nation Indian Riding Club News

By Rita Williams

Some of the activities of the newly organized club will be entering events at the Dustin rodeo July 4 and the Tahlequah rodeo held the last of August. The club will be entering events such as Junior Barrel racing, Junior Steer riding, Calf roping, and Girls Barrel racing.

Some of the activities for the newly organized Creek Nation Indian Riding Club includes setting the pivots for Creek Nation Rodeo held June 14,15. They recently participated in a Playday held at the Nuyaka Rodeo ground June 22.

Other activities included an election of a Queen an a Princess to represent the riding club. The qualifications are; Age limit - 14 - 21, Never been married, Must be able to ride a horse. The judging is to be strictly on horsemanship. The new Queen for the club is Sandra Pidgeon who is 20 years old and attends College at Oklahoma University. Her parents are Willie and Patsy Pidgeon of Okemah. The new Princess for the riding club is Beverly Pidgeon who is 15 years old and attends school at the Weleetka High School. Her parents are also Willie and Patsy Pidgeon.

During the Creek Nation Rodeo, Kendall Roberts took 2nd place on Friday night in the Junior Steer Riding with a score of 63 and taking home $24.50. Saturday night Bodie Roberts took 2nd place in the Junior Steer Riding event with a score of 63 and taking home $21.00. Kendall Roberts is 12 years old and the son of Roy Roberts and Thelma Roberts. He lives in Seminole. Bodie Roberts is 9 years old and is the son of Roy Roberts and Kay Roberts. He lives in Okmulgee.

The purpose of the club is to inspire riders and promote early training in Indian horsemanship. To become a member you must be one-quarter Indian and have a CDIB card.

Little Coweta Centennial

The Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church, Eufaula, held it's Centennial Celebration, June 26-30, with many festivities, special events, speakers and singing.

The highlights of the Centennial included; a Building Dedication and Ordination Services were held Saturday, Oldtimer's Day held on Friday, and nightly worship services at 7:00 p.m.

Guest speakers, including Rev. Ernest Best, evangelist, and Rev. Boney McIntosh, pastor of the Big Arbor Indian Baptist church, were present in the Centennial Celebration services.

Rev. Gary Hawkins is the pastor of the church, which was established in the late 1800's by a group of pioneer Christian laymen. The name Coweta originated in Georgia before the Removal.

The early permanent records were destroyed by fire - the memories of the elders is what the history of the church has been based on.

Creek Organizes Urban Indian Center

Bill "Willie" Adams, Creek, is chairman of a group of Indians in San Bernadino, California whose goal is to open a new urban Indian center in that city.

Adams and his group are holding planning sessions and other activities to solicit support for the proposed center and to gain solidarity within the Indian community.

Adams hopes that the new center will provide a place for "homesick" urban Indians, as well as a agency for education information, job-placement help and cultural training activities such as beadwork, weaving, jewelry-making and dancing.

The center is scheduled to open with $2,500 provided by the Community Services Dept. in San Bernadino, according to Adams, who said that he hopes the rest of the funding will come from private sources.

There are approximately 14,000 Native Americans in the San Bernadino Valley.

For further information on the proposed Indian Center, contact Adams at 714-792-8628.

Tiny Tot Fancy Dance Winner...

TAKING FIRST PLACE IN THE TINY TOT FANCY DANCE DIVISION, during the Indian Heritage Pow-Wow held recently at Miami, OK, was James Brian Hale. The youth is the son of David and Deborah Hale and grandson of the late Billy and Lucy Hale of Cromwell, OK and Floyd Moses of Lawton and Etta Mae Fixico of Muskogee. Hale is a first-grader in the Tahlequah Public Schools.

May, 1985, National Council Minutes

Invocation: Jonas Dunson
Call to Order: Carney Roberts, Speaker
Roll Call: A quorum was declared with fourteen members present, those absent were: Bible and Hardridge
Bible and Hardridge. The Speaker advised that all business transacted during this session would be valid and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.
ORDER OF BUSINESS:
5A a Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-25. The Bill was read as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-25 is hereby amended at Section 102 by deleting the existing Source of funds in each line item and adding in its place the following language: "Appropriations 7151". The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Beaver to approve Bill 5A as read. The Chair entertained discussion: Discussion was held and the Chair entertained the question. Question: Yes. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 5A was recorded as such.
OTHER BUSINESS: NONE
Announcements: Community Service Meeting 4:30 P.M. Thursday, Items for discussion: 1) Original Allottees 2) Community Development.
Revenue Sharing Hearing: Thursday, May 9, 1985 at 2:00 p.m.
Business & Governmental Committee Meeting, Friday May 10th at 6:00 p.m.
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Cloud to adjourn meeting. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned. **Benediction:** Bill Burden

SPECIAL SESSION: MAY 30,

Invocation: Bill Burden
Call to Order: Carney Roberts, Speaker
Roll Call: Fourteen members were present, absent were Bible and Dunson. A quorum was declared with fourteen present and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of laws as such.
ORDER OF BUSINESS:
5C A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 84-54 Appropriating the Tribal Budget for Fiscal Year 1985. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101.NCA 84-54 as amended is hereby at Section 101 A (2) (a) and (b) changing the existing dollar amount and substituting in its place for each of the following: A. Change line items in Section 101 (A) (2) (a) and (b) Telephone Reimbursement $3,100; Stipend Parliamentarian 600; Supplies, Reproduction, Equip, Maintenance and Repair 14,805. **Section 102.** The Secretary shall execute an original copy of NCA 84-12 as amended by this Ordinance and the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall sign the amended ordinance. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Stacy to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none against and no absentions. Motion carried upon a unanimous vote of approval the Bill 5C was approve and will be recorded as such.
5D A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation appropriating funds to pay for Judgement against the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in the matter of Thomas McIntosh (C-85-1) The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings; The National Council finds that under the Judgement of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, that the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) shall be appropriated to satisfy Judgement as rendered in the case of Thomas McIntosh versus the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102. Appropriation.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to expend the sum of one thousand dollars ($1000) from the 7151 funds, or other available funds to satisfy said Judgement. The bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Cleghorn to approve the Bill 5D as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried: Bill 5D was approved as read and will be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.
5E A Bill Developing Guidelines and to Expend Tribal Funds for the Community Development According to NCA 85-14. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101 Findings; The National Council finds that: 1. NCA 85-14 authorizes and appropriates $379,989 for Community Development. 2. It is Tribal Government Policy to encourage Creek Citizens involvement in Community activities and development as well as providing for suitable facilities for their activities. **Section 102.** Community Development Projects will be administered by the Division of Community Services in accordance with the guidelines established by the Tribal Funds Community Development Proposal. **Section 103.** Community Development Funds are hereby authorized, budgeted and appropriated for the following projects: 1. Okemah Health Center Modular Building $100,000. 2. Facilities Construction 139,000. 3. Community Development 140,000. Total Budget $379,000. **Section 104.** The Tribal Funds Community Development Proposal and funds appropriated may not be modified or changed except by Ordinance. The Chair entertained a discussion: After much discussion and a short meeting of the Committee, it was the recommendation of that Committee to postpone the approval of said Bill. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Cleghorn to postpone the approval of said Bill (5E). Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, and will be recorded as such.
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: BILL 5F and 5G
5F A Bill amending NCA 85-09 which establishes Compensation/Reimbursement for members of the National Council of the Muscogee Nation. 5G A Bill Programming & Appropriating Bingo Revenues to assist Tribal Citizens in the Payment of Medical Bills. The Chair entertained a motion to place these items on the agenda. A motion was made by Thomas and seconded by Beaver to place 5F and 5G on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nine in favor, four against and no abstentions, those against were: Cloud, Hicks, Cleghorn and Stacy. Motion carried, Bill 5F and 5G were placed on the agenda FOR consideration as follows:
5F A Bill Amending NCA 85-09 which establishes Compensation/Reimbursement for members of the National Council of the Muscogee Nation. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-09 is hereby amended at Section 102 Compensation. By adding item "C" Extra Ordinary Session, and Section 103. Special Sessions and Committee Meetings - by deleting the phrase "called by the Principal Chief." The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hicks and seconded by Stacy to approve the Bill 5F as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and Bill 5F was recorded as such.
5G A Bill Programming and Appropriating Bingo Revenues to Assist Tribal Citizens in the Payment of Medical Bills. The Bill was read and considered as follows; Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. As in the case of all Indian Health Service operated facilities, the federal government has not sufficiently funded the tribal health care program to meet the need for services from providers outside the tribal system. These services are referred to as "Specialty Care" or "Contract Health" services. B. In the past, due to inadequate federal funding levels, tribal members were responsible for payment for referred services when the limited federal funds had been fully expended. C. The Creek Nation Bingo has been successful in providing Tribal revenue totaling $425,754.53, including interest, since November 1984. D. It is the intent of the tribal government to use such revenue to meet the health, social and economic needs of our people. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby approves, authorizes, and appropriates the following: A. An initial appriation from bingo revenues total $300,000.00 is hereby authorized to assist tribal members who have received services for which payment has not been authorized by the tribal government due to federal funding limitations. B. The Office of the Administration, Division of Community Services, shall develop guidelines and priorities to expedite the implementation of this program. C. The Principal Chief may request additional funds by ordinance if supplemental funds are required. The Bill having been read and chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Beaver to approve the Bill . . .The Chair entertained a second .m. . (twice) No Second, the Chair advised that the Bill Died from a lack of a second, and will be assigned to a Joint Committee.
OTHER BUSINESS:
A motion was made by Hicks to enter into an "Executive Session" immediately following the adjournment of the meeting, the motion was seconded by Stacy. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: fourteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.
ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC.
1. Do we have a three year plan and do we have a public hearing meeting scheduled to discuss the three year plan? Chief Cox replied, "NO". The Speaker advised that the Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-11 called for a Three year Plan "Section Six. On or before June 1, !985 and every third year thereafter, the Muscogee Nation shall hold a Public Hearing to present a proposed Three year Plan for discussion and comment by Muscogee (Creek) Indians." It was suggested by Chupco to amend the Tribal Ordinance to change the date that requires the Three Year Plan to be approved. 2. Do we want to discuss the Race Track Proposal submitted from Charles Preston? The Chair entertained a motion for consideration of this proposal. A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hicks not to consider this proposal submitted by Charles Preston on a Race Track Proposal. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none against and one abstention, that being Chupco. Motion Carried, The Charles Preston Race Track Proposal would not be considered at this time.
ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to adjourn, and upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

Court Decision on Contracts Impacts Tribes

A recent decision of the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals could have an impact on the contracts of Indian tribes. The court on May 29 decided that a bingo management contract entered into by the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe and the Ho-Chunk Management Corporation was null and void because the contract had not been approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

The appeals court affirmed a district court decision that held the management contract was subject to the provisions of 25 U.S.C. section 81 as an agreement relative to Indian land. The corporation argued that a contract ought to be considered relative to Indian lands only when "the tribe purports to pay 'money or other things of value' when such money or thing derives from amounts due to the tribe from the United States or is trust property or proceeds from trust property." The appeals court did not accept this interpertation nor agruments that the section's applicability was diminished by the Indian Self-Determination policy or the increased business sophistication of Indian people. Following the district court decision in April of 1984, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs in the Department of the Interior issued guidelines to be used by Bureau of Indian Affairs officials for approval of bingo contracts which would be reviewed at the request of the tribes.

EUREKA SPRINGS WAS THE DESTINATION for these members of the Wetumka, Oklahoma Indian Center in a recent outing to Arkansas to see the "Passion Play." Attending were; left to right. Mandy Harjo, Pauline McKinney, Mary Myrick, Arcie Aultman, Elouise Proctor, Lucille Harjo, Marie Harjo, Tillie Absher, Evelyn Dunson, Lori McKinney, Lennie Canard, Rebecca McGirt, Jonas Dunson, Sara Farber, Geneva Fish, Pearlie BearHead, Abbie Coachman, Dee McKinney Susie Wesley, Carla Thomas.

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Amendment Fails to Pass; Representative Election Will Seat 28 Members

By Helen Chalakee

The Constitutional Amendment Election conducted July 27 failed to pass the required two-thirds majority vote. Results of the election were YES-1,296 to NO-788.

This means a total of 28 council representatives will now be seated come next election. Currently, the Muscogee National Council consists of 17 members. Because of increased tribal enrollment during the past two years, eleven more members will be allocated throughout the eight districts. The constitution states each district will receive one representative, plus one for each additional thousand citizens in each district.

The Primary Election for Council Representatives will be October 26, with the General Election scheduled for December 7.

Candidate filing period is Monday, September 16, 9:00 a.m. through Wednesday, September 18, 5:00 p.m. All applications must be accompained with a cashier check or money order in the amount of $100 payable to the Creek Nation Election Board.

Qualifications for candidacy are: (1) Candidates must be a legal resident of the district for which they file, (2) Must be at least eighteen years of age, and (3) Must hold full citizenship (one-fourth of more Creek by blood).

The following council seats will be open for next election; Creek district four(4) seats; Hughes district, three(3) seats; McIntosh district, four (4) seats; Muskogee district, two (2) seats; Okfuskee district, three (3) seats; Okmulgee district, five (5) seats; Tulsa district, five (5) seats; and Wagoner district, two (2) seats.

All candidates are responsible for submitting their platform information and photograph to the Muscogee Nation News office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, September 20. Information must be limited to 250 words and must be signed by the candidate or it will not be accepted.

Hughes District Elects Buck as Representative

A 'Special Election' to replace a Hughes District Representative was conducted July 27. Johnson Buck was elected over James McGirt and Roy George. Results were: Buck-199, McGirt-78, George-62. Representative Buck was certified by the CN Election Board and was sworn into office by Speaker Roberts at the August 8 meeting.

"LET'S GO PLAY BINGO!", were the first words Principal Chief Claude Cox told reporters just minutes after a hearing in Tulsa District Federal Court when the Judge granted Creek Nation a temporary restraining order against the Tulsa District Attorney from interfering with Creek Nation Bingo operations. Also shown are John Echols (center) and George Almerigi, CN Tribal Attorney, who are part of the legal team representing Creek Nation.

Creek Nation Files Case Against State

By Helen Chalakee

Attorneys representing Creek Nation have filed a case in Tulsa District Federal Court July 8 against the State of Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Tulsa District Attorney.

Chief Cox made the decision to file shortly after the Oklahoma Supreme Court boasted a ruling which said the State held jurisdiction over the regulation and taxing of Indian bingo.

Tulsa District Attorney, David Moss, immediately pounced on the Creek tribe filing charges stating the CN Bingo was a 'Public Nuisance' and vowed to shut it down, arresting both employees and customers.

A temporary restraining order was issued at a July 16 hearing by U.S. District Judge James Ellison, prohibiting the Tulsa D.A. from padlocking the facility. However, Ellison refused to temporarily restrain the Oklahoma Tax Commission from trying to collect state sales taxes from the tribal bingo.

The Tax Commission contends the Creek tribe owes more than $300,000 in back taxes, claiming they have lost that much in state revenue since the facility opened last November.

The issue is tribal sovereignty. Until this time, the Creek Nation has operated its affairs under treaty rights made with the United States Congress. Since that time, Creek Nation has been under the trust responsibility of the federal government creating an immunity for the tribe from any intrusion by the State of Oklahoma.

Throughout the years, this was an acceptable method for tribal government to sell their baskets and beads without state interference.

Now comes Indian bingo!. . . Once Creek Nation bingo started producing revenue for the tribe, some state officials began to get greedy. Same story as when they saw our rich agricultural land in the East and wanted it for themselves, head'em up and move them out. Only this time they want to keep the Indians down by taxing them to death.

Creek Nation bingo has suffered serious damages caused by the state's attack. Customers were afraid to play, fearing they would be arrested. Even after Judge Ellison ruled in our favor with a temporary restraining order against the Tulsa District Attorney. Attendance has dropped drastically. As a result of the slow-down, 28 employees have been laid off.

And further because of the state's attempted legal course of action, Creek Nation has been forced to employ attorneys to counteract. This expense will take a large portion of the decreased bingo revenue that could otherwise be used to supplement services to Creek citizens who have been affected by federal funding cutbacks to our tribal programs.

Indian tribes across the United States are looking to this court decision in determining the future of their own tribes.

The case was originally scheduled for August 12 at the Federal Courthouse in Tulsa. However, on August 6, Creek Nation attorneys met with Judge Ellison, along with the Tulsa District Attorney staff and the Oklahoma Tax Commission attorney in a pre-trial conference.

At this conference, the Judge made a decision to postpone the trial until December 9 and granted Creek Nation an extension of the temporary restraining order against District Attorney David Moss from interfering with the operations of CN Bingo in any way until the case is heard in court.

Meantime, the Creek Nation Bingo is open as usual and hoping to pick up in attendance so the 28 employees who were laid off can be called back to work.

Letter to the Editor...

The Tulsa World and especially the Tulsa Tribune have had many editorials against projects the Indian people of Oklahoma have planned. Not only the Creeks but other tribes too. I urge all Creeks who subscribe to these racist newspapers to cancel their subscription and enclose a letter telling why they're stopping the subscription. White people's God is money and lost revenue is something they can't stand! They don't want Creek people making money, so why should they make money off of you? If your local paper is against the Creek bingo, drop them too. Also vote against public officials who are against projects of the Creek Nation!

Robt. Cleghorn

Muscogee Nation News

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Stefanie Tarpalechee has already been chosen to be the 1986 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen. She will officially be crowned at next year's CN Rodeo and will reign throughout the 1986 Rodeo year. Because of this decision, there will be no Rodeo Queen contest next year.

—SCHEDULE—
Gospel Singings

BUCKEYE INDIAN BAPTIST
August 10, Okemah - Everybody Welcome
MC is Robert Jones - Muscogee Sounds

MIDDLE CREEK BAPTIST NO. 2
August 17, Holdenville
MC is Robert Jones with Muscogee Sounds

HICKORY GROUND BAPTIST NO. 1
August 24, Henryetta
MC is Robert Jones with Muskogee Sounds

WILLIE SUMKA RESIDENCE
August 31, Henryetta
MC is Robert Jones & Bill Drywater

SEMINOLE ARBEKA BAPTIST
September 1, Seminole
MC is Robert Jones with Muskogee Sounds

NCAI Conference to be in Tulsa Oct. 7-11

The 42nd Annual National Congress of American Indians Conference will be held in Tulsa, october 7-11 at the Sheraton Kensington Hotel. The outcome of this year's conference will determine where Indian and Native governments and peoples should be by the year 2000.

NCAI Executive Director, Suzane Shown Harjo, stated the conference theme is "On the Threshold of the 21st Century: Indian and Native Policy Action Agenda." The first four days of the conference will be devoted to discussion, debate and agenda-setting in the following areas: (1) Government and U.S. Obligations, (2) Economic Resources, (3) Natural Resources, and (4) Political Resources.

"These areas were selected jointly by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the National Tribal Chairman's Association (NTCA) administrative board and executive board members in a meeting in late July at NCAI headquarters in Washington, D.C.," Harjo explained.

She added, "At the Mid-Year Conference, a joint resolution was passed by NCAI and NTCA to combine the effort and energy of both organizations toward one specific objective to unite Indian thinking and strategy procedures."

Harjo further explained the need for all tribes to actively participate by responding to a questionnaire which has already been sent to tribes throughout the United States. The questionnaire is pertinent to the four areas of the conference agenda.

"Collectively, the responses will set the discussion for each day's general assembly. Workshops will be conducted each day following general assembly which will allow special interest groups to work on plans of action encountering the needs and resources of Indian people.

Predicting the conference attendance to peak at an all time high, Harjo said, "Indian people are still on the road of self-discovery; finding their future brighter by the day." She added, "Through a united gathering such as this conference, magnificant concepts of Indian determination and persistance can only prevail."

MISS NCAI 1985 PAGEANT

The Miss NCAI 1985 Pageant will be held October 8 in conjunction with the 42nd Annual NCAI Conference to be held at the Tulsa Sheraton Kensington Hotel. Anyone interested in becoming a contestant should contact Helen Chalakee for rules and regulations at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447 or phone 918/756-8700 extension 326 at the Creek Nation.

Dear MNN,

On July 19, 1985, as we traveled to Tulsa our old car broke down in Okmulgee.

We want to thank the good people in your Creek Nation who helped us. Chief Claude Cox, Rev. Willie Gooden, Sue Berryhill, Eugene Sunny, Reuben and Peggy Chalakee. Also the two mechanics.

We express our gratitude and appreciation to each one of them.

Whenever you're this way, besure to stop and visit us at the St. Paul Church in Talihina.

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NOTICE

The Murrow Children's home in Muskogee, Oklahoma is seeking a live-in houseparent.

The houseparent would be responsible for eight children in a cottage, as well as their responsibilities as assigned by the administrator.

For information on applying for this position - contact Nita Chupps, 918-682-2586.

CREEK SINGING AND PREACHING was the order of the day recently when the Okmulgee Indian Community gathered at the complex to share the traditional feeling along with lots of good food. OIC Chairwoman Cora Deerisaw said the group planned other sessions that would be announced.

Andrew Narcomey Believes Creek Athletes Can 'Make It'

Interview by Rita Williams
Edited by Kathryn Bell

Andy Narcomey, Creek/Seminole, sensitive and gentlespoken, has a sense of authority about him that commands respect from those around him.

While attending the State Indian Fast Pitch Softball Tournament in Oklahoma City recently, this reporter had the privilege of meeting this remarkable man. Narcomey could easily enjoy recognition as having the distinction of being the leader of the "Filthy Thirteen" - a group of twelve full-blood Indians and one non-Indian, who were paratroopers trained for a mission behind the enemy lines during World War II.

Their order was to interrupt all enemy communications and whatever else stood in their way of a Historic D-Day invasion. "We did everything we were sent out to do,"said Narcomey.

After that mission was completed, Narcomey's company was being sent out on another mission, but Narcomey's sixth sense warned himm of the dangers of that mission, plus an injured ankle that stubbornly refused to heal prevented him from being a part of that mission. The company moved out on this mission and all were killed at this jump. "A sense of knowing and prayers were what kept me," said Narcomey.

Andy was the leader of the Filthy Thirteen and because of his valor with that group, he had the honor of shaking hands with President Eisenhower twice and was asked to speak to a group of youth in England with Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary present.

Narcomey has been recognized as a long time organizer and supporter of Indian sports, working with Will T. Nelson. They were among a small core of dedicated workers who were instrumental in organizing the All-Indian State Softball tournaments for men and women in 1953-54. The tournament started with seven teams and every year it has increased.

Andy remembers the nights that he and Nelson set up and burned the midnight oil planning the tournaments and sharing ideas.

Narcomey was given the "Award fo Honor" in recognition of his outstanding dedicated and productive service to the Indian people by promoting the largest all Indian sporting event in the U.S. This award was presented by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma.

Perhaps to Indian and non-Indian who know him, the most remarkable quality about this 69 year old Creek/Seminole man is his sense of humanity. According to many who know him he has always strived to help anyone who was in need - either of a good word or a little cash. "you have to like people, treat people fair, be honest, help the poor and give to the needy, remarked Narcomey. "Our parents set the standards for us, they told us to listen to old people because they were like wise old owls," he said strongly.

From speaking with him, one gets the definite impression that he is a man of integrity, honesty and leadership. He has a vision for his Indian people. "I feel our people are special and it is my desire to see them rise up to be the people they were intended to be."

Andrew Narcomey, April 5, 1943

Narcomey, who has raised twelve children with only one his natural born believes firmly in Indian youth - particularly in their athletic ability, an area in which he has worked with them extensively.

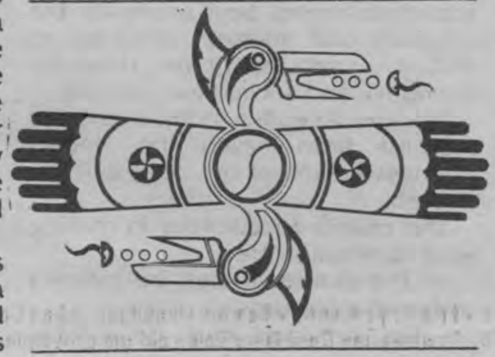
Narcomey compares Indian and non-Indian athletic abliility - "the difference in an Indian athlete is that he is like a deer, their eyes are sharp and he has more zip."

Narcomey can spot a talented player by his movement, his thinking, the way he moves his feet and his good judgement. His advise for becoming a good athlete - "put your whole heart in it, when you make a mistake you can learn from it, and you can make it, said Narcomey emphasizing, "I know you can make it!"

Narcomey believes that if a child has talent encourage him to do better and do not bring him down, no matter what category they are in they need help. Narcomey stressed the importance "giving 110% in everything you do."

Andrew Ray Narcomey was born within the Creek Nation in Oklahoma and now resides in Del City, Okla. He enlisted in the Army 1943 and in 1944 he was awarded five bronze stars.

In spite of the past achievements of his life Narcomey remains a common man with uncommon insight and love for his fellowman.



SWEARING IN CEREMONIES for the newly elected Creek Second Chief Perry Beaver were conducted on July 19 by Creek Nation Supreme Court Judge Chinubbi McIntosh (right) at the CN Executive Bldg. This was an official act conducted by the Judge after the Creek Nation Election Board certified Beaver the winner of the recent Second Chief Election.

Eugenia Kelly

OST Nursing Grads Class Includes Creek

Eugenia Kelly, 24, was among the members of the Twelfth Practical Nursing Class graduating from Oklahoma State Tech in ceremonies at Covell Hall, Okmulgee.

The Nursing graduate has been a student in the Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA) at Creek Nation.

During the completion of the Practical Nursing Course at OST, Eugenia has maintained a 4.0 average and has been on the Director's Honor Roll.

Currently, she is a Charge Nurse at Leisure Manor in Okmulgee.

Future plans include enrolling in Tulsa University in the Fall to receive a license in Registered Nursing.

Eugenia resides in Okmulgee, and is the daughter of Eugene Kelly, Henryetta, and Rose Kelly of Okmulgee. Mrs. Kelly works with the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program.

Creek Man Selected "Teacher of the Year"

Warren A. Hollier, Jr. son of Marcelle C. Adams Hollier, Douglas, and grandson of Washington Adams (Creek) and Grace M. Adams (Creek) of Beggs has been named Detroit, Michigan's Mumford High School's "Teacher of the Year."

Warren was selected by the staff and the student body from over one-hundred other teachers at Mumford.

A 1967 graduate of Langston University in Langston, OK., he is currently studying metalsmithing under Professor Philip Fike at Detroit's Wayne State University. He is also preparing to resume his studies in pursuit of a Doctor of Education degree. A member of the University of Detroit's Phi Delta Kappa Chapter (educational fraternity).

Warren will now compete against the other teacher winners for the title of "Teacher of the year - City of Detroit."

He received a similar award in 1978 from Knudsen Jr.High and the "Apple to the Teacher" School Award Plaque from the Detroit News in 1968.

MNN READERS:

Commendations go to Karen McKee of the Okmulgee CN Health Clinic who held a seminar on diabetes August 2. Her presentation reflected the time and research she spent putting together a most informative and interesting discussion on diabetes which affects so many of us. She had also assembled several brochures and leaflets which we discussed together and were allowed to take home.

We're very glad we were given the opportunity to attend this discussion and should a similar one be held in the future, we think anyone who could possibly attend would gain a great deal of insight and help on the subject of diabetes. Our thanks go to both Karen McKee and Dr. Shannon.

SINCERELY,
DON & JUANITA LACKEY

CHARLES HOLLEYMAN, CREEK, FORMER PRESIDENT OF BACONE COLLEGE presents Creek Principal Chief Claude A. Cox with a Dick West print in behalf of the Creek tribe's historical benevolence to Bacone. Holleyman is a native of the Okmulgee area and was Bacone President for many years. The presentation was made during a meeting of the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-tribal Council on July 12 at Bacone. Chief Cox is currently serving as Vice President of the Inter-tribal Council. Choctaw Chief, Hollis Roberts serves as President. Chicksaw Nation will host the next meeting at Sulpher at the Chicksaw Inn in October.

Creek Nation Indian Riding Club News

Monthly meeting was held on July 2, 1985 in the Creek Nation dining room. President Adam Thomas called the meeting to order; minutes of previous meeting were read and Treasurer's report given, both were approved as read. Secretary of the club read letter from Bob Arrington, President of Creek Nation Rodeo Club, thanking the club for their participation and support in the recent annual Creek Nation Rodeo. President commended the young people for a job well done in their participation in setting pivots for the Creek Nation Rodeo, and those who worked in the concession stand.

After old and new business were discussed; Jerome Roberts won the door prize which was a sack of horse feed; Beverly Pigeon is to furnish the door prize for the next meeting.

Members of the club decided not to go to the Dustin parade due to it being on a week day. Upon a motion made by Carney Roberts, the club decided to ride in the Pow-Wow Parade on July 6 in downtown Okmulgee. Club memberss Participated in the Pony Express Relays at the Okmulgee Pow-Wow Rodeo and won first place both nights, which resulted in some prize money. Rodeo was held July 5th and 6th, 1985.

The Riding club voted unanimously to hold an Open Play Day on July 27, 1985, at 7 p.m. at the Creek Nation arena. It was decided that we would have four (4) events, barrels, flags,potatoe race, and pole bending at 50¢ per event. Ribbons are to be awarded 1st through 6th place with high point trophies in each age division. Play day was held as scheduled and our winners were as follows: Pee Wee Girls - Reese Crabtree, Pee Wee Boys - Jerome Roberts, Junior Girls - Beverly Pigeon, Junior Boys - Ernest McPerryman, Intermediate Girls - Dawndee Allen, Intermediate Boys - Bruce Douglas, Senior Women - Lisa Hamilton, Senior Boys - Willie Pigeon.

We wish to thank all the club members for helping to make this play day a success. We plan to have others and they will be announced.

The next meeting for Creek Nation Indian Riding Club will be September 3, 1985. The Riding club will also be participating in the Tahlequah Parade, August 31.

Creek Man Honored "Citizen of the Year"

Willis Brooks Smith was chosen as the "Citizen of the Year" of Dustin, Oklahoma.

The honor was bestowed upon Smith, Creek, during a July 4th celebration in the rural community of Dustin. Mayor Tommy Watson presented an engraved plaque to Willis B. Smith, honoring him as "Citizen of the Year."

Smith was born September 22, 1898 about one and one-fourth miles north of Spokogee, Indian territory (now Dustin) to John F. Smith and Rena Willis - of seven children - of whom Willis is the only surviving child.

Willis went to school at Dustin in a two-room school and attended Wetumka Mission, a boarding school for Indian children.

Willis has farmed all of his life and has lived with his family on part of his original land allotment northwest of Dustin.

Willis has nine children; Cleo (Pony) Smith, deceased, Bill Smith and Thelma Smith Stanford by his first wife Hattie Belle McGee; His children from that union; were Karen Copeland, Alva Smith, deceased, David Smith, Jack Smith, Wayne Smith and Debra Smith.

Smith spends his leisure time gardening by dragging a chair along row to row.

Creek Director of Phoenix Indian Center

Phyllis Bigpond

Phyllis Bigpond, a native of this area of Creek Nation, has been the Executive Director of the Phoenix Indian Center for the past six years. She credits her upbringing with her desire and determination to pursue goals that would result in the betterment and advancement of her people. "My father was a farmer and a hard worker. We had a very strong family," she related, adding that when she graduated from college, a goal that had once seemed out of reach for her, all of her family were in attendance at the graduation.

Ms. Bigpond attended Haskell Indian School and graduated from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

Ms. Bigpond, armed with persistence and a desire to help her Indian people, got a job in which she could achieve her goal. She applied for and received a job as a social worker on the San Carlos Apache Reservation near Globe, where she worked for four years before returning to Washington University in St. Louis for a Master's degree in social work. Upon receiving that degree, she returned to San Carlo that degree, she returned to San Carlos and to her old job.

Ms. Bigpond's need and commitment to working with Indian people took her to the Phoenix Indian School on a grant from the Arizona State University as a field instructor to supervise the youth at the school.

Ms. Bigpond, in her capacity of Executive Director of the Phoenix Indian Center, furthers the goals of that Indian Center, continues to promote opportunities for Indians because "they're are so many things that our people have never had the chance to experience," she said, adding that the Center worked at helping the public to understand Indian culture and encourage Indians to become self-employed through small business grants from the private sector.

Other goals of the Center are making available health services for the Phoenix urban Indian population, people so that they can become self-employed, and providing opportunities for cultural awareness through utilizing the talent and skill of Indian people. This goal, feels Ms. Bigpond, will promote a greater degree of Indian representation in all areas affecting the welfare of Indian people.

Ms. Bigpond is a member of Charter 100, and the Association of American Indian Social Workers. Ms. Bigpond has received a Distinquished Achievement Award from the ASU School of Social Work this past year. In addition, she has served as Chair for a Conference on Women and World issues and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the Heard Museum.

Ms. Bigpond's parents are the late Albert and Nellie Bigpond of Mounds, OK.

OIO Plans Indian Achievement Week

Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) is making plans for its 20th Annual Indian Achievement Week Celebration. Indian Achievement Week, September 29 - October 5, will bring recognition to the contributions tribes and individual Indians are making in the pursuit of self-sufficiency.

A very important part of our 20th Year Celebration Week is the selection of the "Indian Business Person of the Year". During October 2nd, 1985 Indian Achievement Week Reception, OIO will present this award tothe Indian business person whose recent accomplishments best exemplify the attitudes and abilities necessary to making a success of the drive for economic and social development.

We are accepting nominations for the list from which the "Indian Business Person of the Year" is to be chosen.

The criteria to consider in making your nomination are:

— The individual must be majority owner of a business.

- The individual must be actively involved in day-to-day operation of the business.

- The business must be financially stable and must have experienced or have the potential for growth.

To submit a nomination, simply write to: Indian Business Person, OIO, 555 Constitution, Norman, Oklahoma 73069. Please include your name and address, the nominee's business, and a brief summary of your reasons for making the nomination.

OIO will contact nominees to request certain additional information about their businesses.

To allow consideration of the nominations, they must reach the OIO office by the end of the business day on Friday, September 13, 1985.

If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions concerning this or any other aspects of the Indian Achievement Week activities please write or call OIO.

For more information contact: Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, 555 Constitution Norman, OKla 73069, 405/329-3737

Texas Indians To Celebrate Sept. 26-29

"Sharing our vision: Past, Present, and Forever...through Unity!" will be the theme echoed throughout the newly organized Texas American Indian Sesquicentennial Association (TAISA) commemoration scheduled for September 26-29 in Dallas/Fort Worth.

TAISA, a non-profit corporation, is sponsoring the commemoration in conjunction with the nationally-recognized American Indian Heritage Day as pre-sesquicentennial event designed to promote the historical and present day contributions of American Indians in shaping the "Heart of Texas," today...and forever!

The four-day commemoration program will be conducted through the cooperation of several organizations. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management will be responsible for conducting a two-day seminar consisting of lectures and small group workshops. Thanksgiving Square will conduct a program at their chapel during the lunch hour on Friday, September 27, for the downtown businesses. The Army/Air Force Exchange headquarters will conduct an all day program at their location for their employees on Friday. Other cooperating groups will be responsible for the following planned activities: a luncheon and banquet, a fashion show featuring young American Indian women who officially represent their tribes in tribal dress, tribal art exhibits, information exhibits, youth conference and a traditional American Indian Prayer Breakfast.

The American Indian Center of Dallas will conduct their Annual Inter-tribal Pow-Wow consisting of traditional and competitive tribal dances. The Miss AIC Pageant will be held in conjunction with the Pow—Wow. TAISA's theme will be echoed throughout all activities during the four-day commemoration.

Mr. Ivan Sidney and Ms. Wilma Mankiller will assist as Master of Ceremonies during the American Indian Fashion Show scheduled for Thursday evening, September 26.

Mr. Bob Hayes, 1964 Olympic Gold Medal Winner and former wide receiver for the Dallas Cowboys, will present Special Guest of Honor, Mr. Billy Mills, during the Banquet scheduled for Friday evening, September 27. Mr. Mills, 1964 Olympic Gold Medal winner, will be highlight speaker during the Banquet. He will also assist TAISA in a "Youth Leadership Conference."

The General Assembly lectures, luncheon and banquet topics and small group workshops are designed to provide interactive methods and means for incorporating information and ideas into practical everyday work experiences and responsibilities.

Persons wishing to attend request additional information should write to: TAISA, Post Office Box 140343, Dallas, Texas, 75214-0343, Monday-Friday, call Mr. Frank McLemore at 214/767-8245, Ray Apodaca 915/591-4461 or Lamont Moralez 713/723-7357. After 6 p.m. and on weekends, call 817/265-3813 (Metro number if in the Dallas/Fr. Worth area).

The public is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Childers

Anniversary Party Held Creek Couple Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence W. Childers will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary at a Reception to be given by their children, August 24, at Yukon, Ok.

Grace Babby and Clarence Childers were married on September 26, 1925, at Martin, South Dakota. He was from Broken Arrow and went to work in 1923 for the BIA at Pine Ridge, South Dakota, where he met Grace, who was from Martin.

He was employed in the Realty Dept. for 42 years at various agencies in South Dakota, Oklahoma, Idaho, and North Dakota, before his retirement in 1965. She owned and operated a beauty salon in El Reno and Anadarko when they lived there. They have been active in gardening and have been active in gardening and traveling since their retirement.

They have four children; Dan Childers of Yukon; Mrs. Morris (Clarice) Roth of Duncan; Harold Childers of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mrs. Ernest (Wanda) Krause of Farmington, New Mexico. There are 16 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Native Voices Radio Program Changes Air Time

Carol Dunn, Program Director of KDLB AM and FM announces air time change of its Public Affairs program Native Voices, an Indian oriented news program which began in November of 1984. The program was being aired on only FM 99 on Sunday mornings at 6:15 A.M., however, the show is being moved to 6:30 A.M. with a re-broadcast at 9:45 A.M. on KDLB AM 1590.

Past programs have included interviews with various Indian leaders on the local, state and national level. One of the most popular segments have been the Creek church hymns which have been played during the program. Indian News on the local, state and national level is also given. Indian community organizations, churches, ceremonial grounds, etc; are encouraged to send in news or announcements for broadcast.

News items can be directed to : George Tiger, Producer, Native Voices, KDLB AM & FM, Henryetta, Oklahoma 74437.

Literary Review by Joy Harjo:

Louis Oliver Begins Writing Career at 80

It was at a writing workshop I conducted nearly four years ago in Tahlequah, Oklahoma that I first met Creek poet, Louis Oliver (Little Coon).

He was the only other Creek I knew of who had been writing, other than the known poet, Alexander Posey (who my great aunt, Lois Harjo Ball said we were related to and who wrote much earlier in the century.)

Louis Oliver was born in Coweta, Oklahoma in 1904, a half-blood Creek. He attended Euchee Boarding School and later Bacone College, and Carlton College in Northfield Minnesota.

Since then, he has said he graduated from the college of "hard knocks." It wasn't until he was nearly eighty years old that he questioned: "What have I done for humanity, my community, my people?" and began writing.

Since then he has given many readings of his works, and has published a small bilingual Creek/English chapbook titled, "The Horned Snake," Cross-Cultural Communications, Merrick, New York. And most recently, "Caught in a Willow Net", published by the Greenfield Review Press, RD 1, Box 80, Greenfield Center NY 12833, $5, which he says he would be happy to send to interested Creeks, or the Creek Nation literary arts and crafts.

The following poems are reprinted from the most recent collection. I am honored to introduce Louis Oliver's work here. He writes with much love and concern for his people.

He says: "I've heard it said so many times, by the younger generation, of course, that the Creek language is dead and that it would be of no earthly use for them. I can understand that, because we are being caught in the swift flow of white acculturation. It is sad to know that, but on the other hand, times change and we change with it. . ."

LEGACY

My grandfather said:
let the women tell you things
What I tell you will be found
in my tracks after deer.
bear-and the facts of life.

My grandmother said:
My voice you will hear in
the forests and on the prairies
I will counsel in your dreams
the crooked ways of men and women

My aunt said:
After sun-down find an oak
like an old man, bent eastward.
Sit - and I will teach you again
the many songs that I taught you.
We called you Wotko-Tah-hopke-
honor it well-live long
as the oaks.

They all lived the age of oaks
and for me many acorns
have burst forth.
Since my childhood, and I watch
the oldest one whose name is Choska
that mothers a den of Golden Coons.

LOUIS (WOTKOGEE) OLIVER, Creek poet, has published two volumes of poetry, "The Horned Snake" and "Caught in a Willow Net." Oliver was born in Coweta, Oklahoma in 1904 and is a member of the Racoon Clan of the Koweta 'Mah'maye Town. He makes his home in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

DEEP FORK

Deep Fork - the river of my youth
-strange, deceptive, fulfilling.
Giant Pecan trees hold
it's swampy earth;
holding back debris that tries
to fight its way in floods.

In the moon-of-great heat
sweltering heat - stagnation
the water trickles around sandstones
-stained green and amber
black snails fleck their cool sides,
softshell turtles sun on protruding logs.

The rainbow is silent - no rain.
The loggerhead with his mud-caked
back slowly wobbles on dry land
seeking other havens, the sign
seeking other havens, the sign of
a long drought.

But I with my slender willow pole,
line, hook and bait
patiently wait for the tug of Kulfo
or perhaps the sudden strike
of Okyunwa.

What sends my soul the most, tho
the whiff of drying willow leaves,
the constant whirr and zee
of jar-flies and cicadas.

A RECEPTION HONORING THE OKMULGEE YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE CREEK NATION OLYMPICS was given recently by the Okmulgee Indian Community, and held at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center. Honored were, (left to right, front row), Thomas Washington, Michael Bevenue, Jerry Wise; (second row) Anthony Byrd, Sonny Sumka, Roy Phillips, and Duke Wise; (third row) Jason Phillips, Thomasine Byrd, Donna Washington, and Coach Melinda Byrd, (last row) Richard Scott, Trina Bevenue, Michael Berryhill and Vonda Switch.

Alcoholism and Oklahoma Indians

A significantly higher percentage of Oklahoma Indians die from alcohol--related causes and at an earlier age than do blacks or whites, according to a new study by the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute and the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

Moreover, Indians in sparsely populated western Oklahoma are more at risk of dying from alcohol-implicated causes than their counterparts in eastern Oklahoma, an area with a heavier concentration of Native Americans.

The study, based on death records of the state's 77 counties from 1968 to 1978, recently was released to tribal leaders, health planners, and directors of alcoholism treatment programs during a meeting at OU.

Prior to this four-year study, little data was available on Indians at risk of alcoholism, noted John Steffens, assistant vice provost for the division of Public Responsibility and Community Affairs at OU.

"This is a starting point for each of the tribes to inspect this data and target resources appropriately by tribe and by county,"Travis Jackson, associate director of the OU institute, told the group. "What you have is something on which to build."

Researchers studied death certificates and fatality traffic accident reports in which the investigating officer noted that alcohol was either involved or mentioned and/or a blood alcohol test was made.

Presenting the findings were Henry Malin, chief of the surveillance branch of the National Institute for Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's division of biometry and epidemiology; and Charles Christian, formerly of OU and now at the University of Maryland. The principal findings of the study show that:

American Indians in Oklahoma are significantly overrepresented in deaths that are alcohol-related.

The proportion of deaths involving alcohol was relatively constant from 1968 to 1978, was consistently higher among American Indians than among whites or black, and accounts for seven to 12 percent of all Oklahoma Indian deaths two to four times as great as that among whites or blacks,

Proportionately more Native American males and females died from cirrhosis and a higher proportion of both sexes died from this disease at earlier ages than either blacks or whites of both sexes.

Oklahoma Native American males who died of alcoholism were more likely to die at younger ages than either whites or blacks.

At least 71 percent of the Native Americans who die in motor vehicle accidents died in an accident in which a driver or pedestrian had been drinking.

During the period studied, 50 percent of the deaths of American Indians in Woods County involved alcohol, followed by Kingfisher County with 40.7 percent and Blaine County with 33.8 percent. Nearly one-third (29.7) of all Cheyenne-Arapaho deaths were alcohol related as compared to 1.9 percent of Seminoles.

In counties where a particular tribe makes up 75 percent or more of the American Indian population, alcohol-involved proportionate mortality rates show some significant variations:

In counties where the American Indian population is largely Cherokee, the rate of deaths involving alcohol is relatively low. However, the rate exceeds 5 percent in Craig, Delaware and Muskogee counties, each of which has a relatively large American Indian population,predominately Cherokee.

The highes rates of alcohol-involved mortality charcterize counties in which the American Indian population is small and in which the Cheyenne-Arapaho account for at least 75 per cent of the American Indian population, eight counties had no alcohol-involved deaths. In the remaining 10 counties, however, alcohol-related deaths accounted for 18 to 50 percent of the American Indiàn deaths over the 1968-1987 period. Blaine, Canadian and Custer counties appear to be in special need of alcohol programs and services targeted to American Indians, the report shows.

The Choctaw and Creek predominate in counties with patterns of alcohol involverd mortality similar to the Cherokee, ranging from 3 to 10 percent of all 1968-1978 American Indian deaths. The Chickasaw appear to experience a more varied pattern of alcohol-involved mortality in the nine counties where they predominate, ranging from 0 to 19 percent of all 1968-1978 American Indian deaths.

The Comanche, Kiowa, Osage and Ponca predominate in counties where alcohol-involved mortality accounts for 10 to 15 percent of 1968-1978 American Indian deaths.

The Seminole predominate in Seminole County where only 2 percent of 1968-1978 American Indian deaths involved alcohol.

"The problem is clear and complex,"Christian told the group. "Alcohol exacts a great toll on the Native American population, on the family and the tribes. There's a great loss of human potential."

Creek Tot Undergoes Successful Operation

Wesley Larney, a 3-year old Creek youth from Henryetta, has recently undergone successful surgery to remove a tumor in his sinus cavity. The 15-hour surgery was conducted in a Pittsburg, Pa. hospital, where Wesley is now recuperating in good condition.

The toddler, son of Mitchell and Lisa Larney of Henryetta,Ok., had a 80% chance of surviving the operation and was the youngest person to undergo such a surgery. Wesley had undergone surgery in June for the removal of the first brain tumor - which left his optic nerves eroded and a result, the youngster is now blind.

The youth's plight was brought to the attention of the Tulsa papers and the attention of the Tulsa and local newspapers and media, and as a result, contributions were made to help send Wesley to the Pittsburg hospital, one of two hospitals that can perform such a delicate operation. However, because of the expense of such an operation, contributions are still needed to help defray the ever-increasing cost of his medical care. A fund has been set up at the American Exchange Bank in Henryetta in Wesley's name. Any contributions by our Creek readers would be greatly appreciated.

Wesley will be transferred in September to a Boston medical facility to undergo a one-time radiation treatment, and then he will be on his way home to Henryetta.

Wesley's family said that the boy's spirits *are high inspite of the ordeal he* has just gone through, and that they are grateful for the contributions and support of the people who have responded to their son's plight.

The Community Services Division of Creek Nation has provided $4,000 toward Wesley's operation, out of Contract Specialty Health Care, according to James Floyd, Director of the Community Services Division.

Annual Guild Indian Fair at Museum Set

The 28th Annual Heard Museum Guild Indian Fair will be held at the Museum on March 1-2, 1986, from 10 AM to 4 PM both days.

The Guild Indian Fair is one of Phoenix' most popular winter events, and attracts tens of thousands of residents and visitors. Monies raised by the Fair are used to support Heard Museum educational programs throughout the community.

Exhibitors in all fields of traditional and contemporary Indian art are invited to participate in the Fair. Due to the ever increasing costs of sponsoring this major Arizona activity, the Executive Board of the Heard Museum Guild has set a $100 space fee for exhibitors at this year's Fair.

Exhibit spaces are available on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline for applications is November 30, 1985. A $25, non-refundable deposit must accompany each application. The balance should be received at the Museum by January 31. Cancellations must be made by February 15.

Applications and all inquiries should be addressed to Peggy Fairchild, c/o The Heard Museum Guild, 22 East Monte Vista Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85004.

Obituaries...

KIRK FAROM BERRYHILL

Services were held Monday, July 15 at 2 p.m. for Kirk Farom Berryhill at the Springfield Methodist Church. He died July 12 at Okemah at the age of 27.

He was born October 26, 1957 in Okemah and attended school in this area. He was a member of the Oklahoma National Guard with the 120th Engineer Batt. here in Okemah.

He is survived by his parents. Louise Marie Berryhill, Okemah and Junior Berryhill, Okla. City; three sisters and two brothers, Nadine Fixico, Audry Miller, Bonita Berryhill, Victor and Gregory Berryhill.

Interment was in the family cemetery with the Webb Funeral Home directing.

The Okemah National Guard Unit served as pallbearers and honor guards.

CHARLES BAKER

Charles ("Chuckie") Michael Baker, 2, died Thursday.

Services are set for 2 p.m. Monday at Community Indian Baptist Church, west of Sapulpa, with the Rev. Dan Phillip officiating.

Burial will be at Family Memorial Cemetery under direction of Smith Funeral Home.

A service also is set for 11 a.m. today at Smith Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Howard Baker officiating.

The body will be taken to the church at 6 p.m. with prayer service at 7:30.

Casket bearers will be Doug (Tony) Watashe, Vincent Watashe, Leonard Monroe, Dean Watashe, Buddy Tartsah and Darrell Jones.

Honorary bearers will be Frank Locust, Bert Cooper, Patrick Bevenue and Richard Shade.

Survivors include parents Howard and Elizabeth; brothers Damon Koshiway, James Lee and B.J.; sisters Michelle Renae and Amy; grandparents, Lorena (Bevenue) Baker, the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Baker of Ada, Okla., and James Jr., and Alice Watashe of Sapulpa; great-grandparents James Watashe and Hattie Barnett of Sapulpa.

ELBERT THORNBURGH

Funeral services for Elbert (Bert) Thornburgh were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Buchanan Memorial Chapel with Rev. John Cope officiating.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery under direction of the Buchanan-McClendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Hap Kane, Bud Williamson, Bill Byars, Melvin Evans and Eddie Evans.

Mr. Thornburgh died July 12 at his home following a lengthly illness.s.

Born February 3, 1905 in Ozark, Mo., he moved to Okmulgee in 1916. He was employed with Phillips Petroleum for 20 years and OKC Corp. for eight years. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret of the home; one daughter, Mrs. Bob (Mary Lou) Hasselman of Okmulgee; one son, Joe E. Thornburgh of Broken Arrow; one brother, Ernie Thornburgh of Arizona; two sisters, Mertie Dillsavor of Morris and Vivian Lowery of Okmulgee and four grandchildren.

HOMER SARTY, of the Coweta Indian Community, is presented a check for $1,000 by Steve Wilson, Manager of the Creek Nation Division of Community Services. The check to the Indian community was awarded by the National Indian Lutheran Board

Koweta Community Holds Health Fair

A Health Fair was held in the Koweta Indian Community Center by Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program July 16 with Jane Cantero of Tulsa, a CHR reporting out of 56 blood pressures most were normal. Joanna Thomas of Okmulgee, an Audiologist, reported out of 42, 14 failed the hearing test.

Dr. Jerome Alfred, Tulsa, a Dentist, Joyce Edwards, Tulsa, a dental assistant, and Robert Richards, an OU dental student, reported checking 52 participants. Ms. Sherry Baker, Community Health Nurse and Christine Hinesley, Nursing Assistant, both of Sapulpa, said out of 61 blood tests, they found one man to be a potential diabetic with a high sugar count. Doctor's appointments will be made for the participants needing special services and a follow-up will be made on each individual and records kept. Site Manager, Pat (Sarty) Withers has arranged for another Health Fair to be held August 20.

Vietnam Vets Group Plan Pow-Wow at Tahlequah

The Vietnam Era Veteran's Intertribal Association (VEVITA) will be the host Gourd Clan in the 14th Cherokee National Holiday Pow-wow August 31, at the Cherokee Holiday Celebration in Tahlequah August 30-31.

The theme of the Pow-Wow is "Honoring the Cherokee Veterans" from all wars. The Pow-Wow is co-hosted by the Northeastern Oklahoma Chapter of VEVITA.

VEVITA and the first Pow-Wow (held in Anadarko in 1981) honoring the Vietnam Era veterans, was organized in response to the government's Vietnam vet outreach program's failure to reach Indian vets from that era.

VEVITA was organized by Harold Barse, Sioux-Kiowa-Wichita, of the Veteran's Outreach Center in Oklahoma City.

Robison Descendants Annual Reunion

By Ethel Torres

Col. William Robison descendants met for their annual reunion with 135 signed in at Thlopthlocco Tribal Complex near Okemah, Saturday, July 6.

Col. Robison was a Lieutenant Col. in the Civil War until it ended. (later a trader) He opened a mercantile business at the mouth of Caddo Creek and moved to Creek Nation and was elected judge of Deep Fork district.

Robison served in the House of Warriors, and House of Kings.

Mr. Robison was appointed Superintendent of "Old Wetumka Creek Indian Mission"(which had been levering manual labor school) by Creek Principal Chief Joe Perryman of Eufaula, - and died there in 1899, and buried not far from the school.

The opening prayer was by Tom Berryhill - Henryetta. The program started at 11:00 a.m. with Ben Birdcreek - Lawrence, Kansas as master of ceremonies.

Pearlie Scott, Weleetka and Susie Foster, Okemah are the only two remaining granddaughters of Col. Robison. Pearlie is in Fountain View rest home in Henryetta and will receive a very attractive pillow. Susie who still lives on her old home place received an invitation to a dinner out as did three granddaughters - in - law Mrs. Richard (Jessie) Robison - Wetumka, Mrs. Tommy Robison (Stella) - Paden, and Mrs. Clemmie (Lizzie) Robison - Sand Springs will receive a throw pillow. A moment of silence was observed in memory of those who had passed away this past year. A granddaughter Martha Tiger of Weleetka - Mrs. Tom Berryhill (Blanche) - and Rufus Berryhill (brother of Tom) both from Henryetta. Jimmy Dale Robison (son of Stella) who had lived in Houston Texas. Susie was the oldest and received a Creek Bible, 18 month old Joseph Robison - (Stella's great grandson) was the youngest, Mrs. Arthemus Robison Langston traveled the fartherest, Stella and Susie both received plants for having the most children present. (five each) The horsehoe tournament doubles were won by Billy Burden, Weleetka and Tim Lakins, Paden - the singles by Chuck Lecuyer from Winnipeg - Canada. Each family was introduced and as to which of the Colonel's children that they belonged. The officers will remain the same until next year - Tommy Robison - President, Oklahoma City, B.C. Robison - Vice President, Paden and Ethel Coleman Torres - Sec / Treas. Weleetka. Tommy and Arthemus signed everyone in at the door and put on name tags.

Ethel Torres said grace for the meal.

Besides all the so far mentioned - the others present were - Mrs. Tom Robison (lila) - Willis Robison - Upper Lake, California, Brick Autry - Dimmitt, Texas, Mel Autry, Gainsville, Texas - Julie - Suzanne and Barry Langan, Peggy Sue Thompson - San Bernadine - California - Doreen and Andy Lecuyer - Winnipeg Man. Canada, Rick - Linda - Jeff - Ronnie - Russell and Joseph Robison all Houston - Texas, Elizabeth Trickey - Liberty, Texas, Ginger Randall - Benton City, Washington also from Oklahoma City, Rosalita Hartsfield - Jefferson City, Mo., Lizzie Roper, William Berryhill, William Alexander Robison, Gene and Brenda Robison, Bonnie ndsey, Christy Coleman Whitfield from Choctaw Okla, Beth and Bonnie Grimsley, Prague Okla, Mark and Kelly Robison and family, Norman Okla, Amos Robison, Wewoka Okla, Rebecca Lindsey, Paden Okla, Stella Robison, Loydell Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison, Susan and Nichole Lakin, Barney C. Robison, Rufus, Phyllis and Jan Robison, Khris Bird, Mildred and William B. Robison, Holdenville Okla, Stephen, Travis, and Angela Robison, Wetumka Okla, Betsy Harjo, Elouise Proctor, Arthur and Patsy Scott, Camille, Michelle and Aaron Gann,Okemah Okla, Dorothy Miller, Nora Cheek, Emma Lou Duncan, Amy, Becky, Cheryl, Noel and Joel Bartosh, Fletcher,

Leigh Ann and Rachel Duncan, Mary Robison and Consuelo, Josephine and Gregory Johnson, Gama Taylor, Weaver Cheek and Family, Grace Cheek Bunner and Kenny Lynn, Angela Dawn, Keith Ryan and Jarid Lance Bunner, Kellyville Okla,William Buck,Sapulpa, Lynn and Pahi Robison, Broken Arrow, Okla Cindy Yahola and Family, Wanda and Candis Weaver, Sapulpa, Okla., Chelsa, Okla., Mrs. William H. Coleman, Lynn Coleman Neel, Tulsa,Okla. Rene Robison, Irene Coker, Jacinda Lane, Mary and Cody McGirt, Coweta, Okla., Nolen, Lnora and Kevin Robison, Eufaula Okla,Emma Williams, Jan Walker Henryetta, Okla, Pauline Randall, sons, Togo and Clifton Randall, Billy and Juanita, Carolyn, Dale, David King and Danny. Leah Asbury, Pamela Robison Burney and sons. Oaks, Okla., "B" Knight, Weleetka Okla. Sinah and Jesse Birdcreek, Dorothy, Billy and Mike Burden, Gary, Kathy, Tony, Kristi and Dana Langston. There was a good response for next years expenses. The afternoon was spent visiting. The reunion will be in the same place next year on Saturday July 5th, 10:00 a.m.

DIANE FRASER, has been nominated for the Business Education's Advisory Committee Outstanding Award at Oklahoma State Tech, Okmulgee. The 22-year old Creek is a 1981 graduate of Weleetka High School and will graduate from OST September 20. with an Accounting Degree. She is the daughter of Myrtle Fraser, a CN employee.

May Special Session Council Minutes

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson
CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker
ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with is as follows: H. Chupco-present, D. Barnett-present, J. Fox-present, S. McIntosh-present, B. Burden-present, R. Hardridge-present, L. Stacy-absent, E. Hicks-present, A. Thomas-present, P. Beaver-present, L. Bible-absent, I. Cleghorn-absent, J.Dunson-present, D. Dunn-present, C. Cloud-present.

The business transacted during this session would be declared valid and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

NCA 85-27 An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation Regarding the Number of Representatives Authorized to Serve on the National Council.

Discussion was held on this Ordinance and was read as follows;

The Speaker advised that above mention Ordinance had been presented during the May Regular Scheduled Meeting; The National Council acting as a Committee of a Whole voted on this Ordinance although the vote was ten in favor of its approval and five against, the Ordinance was considered voted down as it did not meet the requirements necessary to make a Constitutional Amendment as spelled out in Article IX, Section 1. (a) (1).

On May 8th, Nelson Johnson filed in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma, an Alternative Writ of Mandamus which reads as follows: Carney Roberts, advised the Council that he did appear in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and presented argument and was so ordered to sign the Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-27 as read.

He was also ordered to advise the National Council Acting as a Committee of the Whole that the Tribal Ordinance had been signed on the 15th day of May, 1985 at 12:05 p.m., under the order of the "Alternate Write of Mandamus" C-85" as filed by Nelson Johnson, Plaintiff.

The Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-27, An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation Regarding the Number of Representatives Authorized to Serve on the National Council shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as follows;

Section 100. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: **Section 101.** Subject to the provision of Article IX of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the Principal Chief shall refer to the voters of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for their approval or rejection, as in the manner provided by law, the following proposed Amendment to Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, to read as follows; **Section 2.** All legislative power herein shall be vested in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, which shall consist of one (1) House with one (1) representative from each district, and one (1) additional representative for each 2,000 district citizens.(a) Each representative shall be elected by a vote of the district and shall hold office for two (2) years.(b) Each representative shall be elected by a vote of the district and shall hold office for two (2) years. (b) Each representative shall be a legal resident of his district. (c) No person shall be a representative who has not attained the age of eighteen (18) and hold full citizenship. (d) The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall elect from their number a Speaker, who shall preside over the Muscogee (Creek) National Council but shall have no vote unless the National Council be equally divided, and they shall choose a Second Speaker, who shall preside in absence of the Speaker.**Section 102.** The Ballot Title for the Proposed Constitutional Amendment as set forth in Section 101 of this Ordinance shall be in the following form: BALLOT TITLE National Council Referendum No.—— THE GIST OF THE PROPOSITION IS AS FOLLOWS: Shall a Constitutional Amendment amending Section 2 of Article VI of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation changing the phrase of 1,000 district citizens to 2,000 district citizens, be approved by the people? SHALL THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT BE APPROVED? YES, for the Amendment, NO Against the Amendment. **SECTION 103.** If the above question is ratified by two-thirds of the voters in the election held, the Principal Chief shall submit the amendment to the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, for approval or disapproval within ninety (90) days. ENACTED by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 27th day of April, 1985. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Presiding Officer of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council has hereto attached his signature, this 15th day of May, 1985 at 12:05 p.m., under the order of an "Alternative Writ of Mandus" "C-85-2. DISCUSSION CLOSED. **5B.** A BILL "Authorizing, Budgeting & Appropriating Tribal Funds for a General Assistance Payment to the Original Allotees. The BILL was read and considered as follows: **SECTION 100.** Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: **SECTION 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that: A. during the 1985 Fiscal Year, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation established a program to update the list of original allottees, currently living, who received allotments of tribal lands prior to statehood. B. On March 27, 1985, the Citizenship Board verified the names and addresses of 304 (three hundred and four) tribal members who were original allottees of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. C. It is the intent of the tribal government to award a General Assistance Payment to living original allottees as recognition for the historical and personal contributions these tribal citizens have made to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **SECTION 102.** The National Council hereby authorizes the Principal Chief to implement General Assistance payment to all living original allottees who were verified by the Citizenship Board by March 27, 1985. The amount of each payment shall be $300 (three hundred dollars) each. **SECTION 103.** Tribal funds are budgeted and appropriated for this purpose as follows: Line Item - Original Allottee Payment - Source of Funds - Tribal Royalty & Lease Income 7151 - Amount - $91,200. THE BILL HAVING BEEN READ, THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION.

Amotion was made by Eliza Hicks and seconded by Clarence Cloud to amend 5B at Section 102, by changing the date of March 27, to May 16. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken to approve the amendment. The results were: Eleven in Favor, One Against, No abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. The amendment was approved as read and will be recorded as such.The chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Perry Beaver and seconded by Clarence Cloud to amend Section 101 (b) by changing the number "304"to 309 and changing the dollar figure from $91,200 to $92,700. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. The amendment was approved as read and will be recorded as such. THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILL AS AMENDED. A motion was made by Jonas Dunson and seconded by Clarence Cloud to approve the BILL as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. BILL 5B was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION. None. OTHER BUSINESS. Speaker advised that a letter of resignation had been received by Nelson Johnson with the effective date being May 7, 1985. He advised that a letter of acknowledgement would be written and advising the Principal Chief of the resignation. ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC. 1. Clarence Cloud has been appointed to serve on the Committee of Business and Governmental Services. 2. May 23, 1985 Committee Meeting of Community Services at 4:30 p.m. 3. Business & Governmental Services, at 4:30 p.m., ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote of approval. BENEDICTION: Helen Chupco

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best:

"For a day in they courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withold from them that walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee." Psalms 84:10-12

How true are the words of David. To live one day in the service of God is better than a thousand days living outside of God's will. Great are the blessings, joy, and fellowship of a servant in the house of my God and rather to be desired than to dwell in the Tents of wickedness. Many are the benefits to those who live for the Lord God and have been made upright through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

The burden of our hearts to see our Indian people saved and become new persons in Christ Jesus grows...that they may know the joy of serving and living a separated life from sin and wickedness...that they might enjoy the blessings of God...His protection, his grace and glory upon their lives. As we travel from place to place, our hearts are broken over the need of revival. Our continual prayer is for revival among the saved and an evangelization of the lost. This is the only hope for our people. Unless this happens, through the power of God's word and Holy Spirit, there is NO HOPE - NO HOPE whatsoever. Please pray for a moving of God's Spirit in these last days.

We write you from the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. This week we are having VBS during the mornings and revival at night in the Green Grass community. There is no building available there,so we are having it in a park area. The area is part of their Sun Dance religious grounds. We are rejoicing in the Lord for a good attendance and His presence with us in the services.

During the month of June, I preached a revival in a church in Missouri, which supports our work. God blessed with good crowds and his Spirit truly moved in the hearts of the people. I also spent a few days in Illinois in two churches there which support this ministry. We thank God for the blessings we're receiving there. One young lady was saved during that time.

While I was in Missouri, Bennie was missionary speaker in an Indian youth camp. After returning home, we spent another week in an Indian camp where I taught on the Spiritual warfare.

The final week of June was spent in our own church celebrating it's 100th birthday. We had several good preachers, including Bro. Jerry McDonald and Bro. Josh Harjo. Along with celebrating our centennial, we dedicated our new church building and ordained a new deacon.What a glorious week! Praise the Lord for his wonderful blessings.

We have bought all the duplicating equipment. The total cost was $1,128.00. The amount of the gifts received for the equipment was just $148.00 short of the cost. We thank you for the gifts that made it possible for us to buy the equipment that will be a ministry to our Indian people.

We thank you for your continued support of this much needed ministry to which the Lord has called us among the American Indians. Thank you for your prayers for the lost and for Bennie and me. May God richly bless each of you for your faithfulness.

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Council Election Set October 26

An election to seat 28 members on the Muscogee National Council is scheduled for October 26.

Filing period for candidates is Sept. 16, 9:00 a.m. through Sept. 18, 5:00 p.m. All filing applications must be accompained by a cashier check or money order in the amount of $100 payable to the Creek Nation Election Board.

Qualifications for candidacy are: (1) Candidates must be a legal resident of the district for which they file; (2) Must be at least 18 years or older; and, (3) Must hold full citizenship (one-fourth or more Creek by blood.)

All candidates are responsible for submitting their platform information and photograph to the Muscogee Nation News Office no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, September 20. Information must be limited to 250 words and must be signed by the candidate or it will not be accepted.

The next edition of the Muscogee Nation News will feature all the candidates and their submitted information. If candidates need a photo, please schedule with the Communication Department.

$15,541.26 WAS CONTRIBUTED TO JERRY'S KIDS BY CREEK NATION BINGO on the September 2 Muscular Dystrophy Telethon . Starting July 1, one game each night was split by the Bingo for the fund raising project. Johnny Rivers (left) accepted the donation from CN Bingo Manager, Gordon Sjodin. CN Second Chief Perry Beaver and CN Gaming Commissioner William Foster attended the presentation. The Bingo contribution was one of the largest in the Tulsa area to be made.

Chief Cox Discusses CN Political vs Employment Issues

I wish to express my gratitude to everyone who visited, called and sent flowers to me during my recent stay in the hospital. I am feeling much better now, however, my physician thinks there is need for another surgery soon. They assure me it is routine surgery and I expect to be up and around as quickly as before.

I also want to express my thanks to the many Creeks who have called or personally visited me in the office to offer support to me brought about by recent newspaper articles concerning an attempt to petition me out of office. According to the articles in the Tulsa World and the Okmulgee Times, Robert Trepp, a former CN employee has vowed his intention of an impeachment attempt.

Again, thanks to all who see his effort for what it is. I appreciate everyone's concern. I have always directed the Creek tribal government for the good of all the people. It distresses me to know, the very ones who were once employed by the tribal government and had a chance to help Creek Nation grow and prosper are now trying to destroy and tear down what many Creeks have accomplished in fourteen years of physical and soul rendering endeavers. Because these former employees either chose not, or were unable, to carry out their job responsibilities left no other alternative but for them to be terminated.

A handful of disturbed Creek people should not be allowed to create such hardships and dissension among our people. I ask you to observe these people who are talking down Creek Nation: (1) **How have they dealt with you in the past? (2) What kind of record of self-achievement do they stand on? (3) Are they known radicals who deviate from accepted and respectable standards of personal living? (4) Have they ever been fired from Creek Nation and hold a grudge for that reason? (5) If so, why were they fired? (6) Do they present factual information, or is it full of deceit and claims that cannot be accounted for?**

When program funds run short or are depleted, employees have to be laid off. You cannot keep running on empty. It is sad when you have to lay off someone you know is having a rough time of making a living for their family, so if that person is qualified for another position in another program, they are transferred. Each one of the programs have a separate funding source. My main concern is that the funds go into direct services to the people, rather than employ unnecessary staff. That is what was happening with the Bureau when they were in control of our programs.

It's true some employees have to be fired, and that too is sad, because we want all our Creek people working toward the good of our Nation. But if they refuse to carry out their job responsibilities, then you, the Creek people are the ones being cheated out of services and they are drawing a paycheck for literally doing nothing but creating dissension and using the tribal government for their own gain. Some employees have been fired for deliberately holding back programs and projects, it appears that in their minds they are seeking revenge on certain people, when in actuality they are holding back progress for the tribe. You, the Creek people are the ones to suffer for their actions and as Principal Chief I cannot allow that to happen.

The Creek tribal government is a service institution to the Creek population. The employees administer these services. Some of the employees have taken advantage of the services through health care and housing. It still amazes me when these same employees are the first to display a dislike for the tribal government and try to drag down its leaders. Ask yourself - where were we twenty years ago? Did we have a hospital? Did we have adequate housing for the people? You, the Creek people know the answers, and you are the ones to determine the future of Creek Nation through thoughtful decision making. I ask you, if you have any questions about what is being done or said to come by my office and discuss the matter with me. Ask any of the employees who gets jobs done about things. . .they will tell you what you want to know about any of our programs or projects.

I received a letter recently stating that the person writing the letter didn't personally like me; but, he did appreciate what had been accomplished for the tribe and felt it was my leadership that brought the accomplishments about. I appreciated this man for being truthful about what he felt like was his God given right to say.

Let's prove to the Creek people, other Indian tribes, the State of Oklahoma, and the whole United States that Creek people can unite and keep it together for the good of the Nation, its citizenry and the preservation of our Indian people.

God Bless You,
CN Principal Chief Claude Cox

Softball Tournament

A Men's Fast-Pitch Tournament and a Women's Slow-Pitch Tournament will be held September 20-21-23 at Nichols Park, Henryetta, OK. The Entry fee is $65 and the deadline for entry is September 17.

For more information about the tournament, call 1-405-786-2896 or 1-918-657-2230, or write: Mickey and Lois Smith, 814 N. Creek, Wetumka, OK., 74883, or send money order to the above address.

There will be First and Second Team Trophies and fifteen individual trophies, as well as Third and Fourth Team Trophies and a Sportsmanship Trophy.

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Deadlines for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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-NOTICE-

The Creek Nation of Oklahoma announces it's participation in the Child Care Food Program. All children in attendance will be offered the same meals with no physical segregation of, or other discrimination against any child because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. The Child Care Food Program is an Equal Opportunity Program. If you believe you have been discriminated agianst because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap, write immediately to the State Department of Education, School Lunch Division, Oklahoma 73105 - 4599 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

This statement applies to the centers listed below:

SAPULPA HEAD START
YEAGER HEAD START
EUFAULA HEAD START

LETTERS. . .

Dear MNN,

We would like to thank the 39 Complex employees and CN Headstart personnel that signed up (of which seven were deferred) to donate blood at the recent Red Cross (Tulsa Chapter) Bloodmobile that was held in the Mound Building.

We also wish to thank those CN employees who volunteered to help with the Canteen and other duties involved in the Blood Drive.

Thank You,
Bloodmobile Coordinators,
CN Clinic Staff

NOTE: The Bloodmobile was set up and coordinated by the Creek Nation Clinic Staff, assisted by Diane Reynolds, Community Health Nurse from Eufaula Clinic and Raylene Pern, Community Health Nurse from the Okemah Clinic.

Dear Editor;

Just to say; we thank Muscogee Nation News for helping my granddaughter, Stephanie Yazzie as she participated in the Little Jr.Miss America Pageant. She didn't make it, but she made a good showing. We were glad to see two other Indian girls in the contest. Nuchie Noshoba the actress asked Stephanie to help with the National Indian Child Welfare Association commercial. It was taped in Oklahoma City with Kent McCord of Adam 12 who was the spokesman. Billy Williamson was in charge of the taping.

Alec Davis

J.O.M. Reinstated Into BIA Budget

An appropriations bill, passed by the House of Representatives July 16, made substantial increases in a number of Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) programs for 1986.

Increases to the BIA budget request included $23 million to restore the Johnson-O'Malley education program and additions of $9 million for natural resource development, $3.7 million for Indian rights protection and $11 million to restore a 5 percent pay reduction that had been proposed for all federal employees.

HASKELL ALUMNI FALL FESTIVAL AT N.C.A.I.

The Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma (HAAQ) welcomes you to our Fall Festival/Annual Membership Meeting to be held on October 12, 1985, at the Sheraton-Kensington Hotel, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) convention is being held on October 7-11 at the Sheraton-Kensington Hotel also. HAAQ was the first organization asked to participate in their pre-planning meeting. Therefore, HAAQ is planning the fall festival in conjunction with NCAI. This promises to be an interesting week, so please mark your calendars and make your reservations early. Following is an agenda of events: October 6 HAAQ Board of Directors will host a reception of NCAI'S Officers and Committee Chairpersons. October 7-11 HAAQ will provide a Haskell Hospitality Room all week for meetings, recruitment purposes and project sales. The Haskell Indian Junior College Foundation and the National Haskell Alumni Board Meeting will be held in Tulsa. Other Haskell Alumni State Chapters are invited to plan their meetings with us. October 12-Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon HAAQ Board Meeting, 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Registration. Pick up dinner/dance tickets, 6:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Social Hour, Cash Bar, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m Dinner/Annual Membership Meeting, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Dance (live band).

A number of social activities are planned for the weekend: Information flyers for each event will be mailed later. For more information contact: Jim Thompson, President

CN Offers Exceptional Student Scholarships

The Creek Nation is now offering scholarships for Exceptional Students from tribal judgement funds previously set aside for that purpose.

The following criteria are required for the Creek Nation Scholarship for Exceptional Students:

1. The student must provide a valid Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood Card. 2. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma. 3. The student must be accepted by an accredited college/university or vocational school. 4. The student must provide a recent photograph. 5. The student must complete an original application and write an essay as to career goals and why they wish the scholarship. 6. The student must submit ACT or SAT scores of 26 or above. 7. The student must have three recommendations submitted from officials who are familiar with the students capabilities. (one must be from the students math or science teacher.) 8. A personal interview will be given to the student at a given date. 9. The limit on time funded will be 8 semesters or the required semesters for the course requirements. 10. The students award will be limited to $500.00 per semester. 11. The student must maintain a 3.5 G.P.A. their freshman year and 3.75 G.P.A. based on a 4.0 scale, thereafter to remain on the program.

Contact Creek Nation Higher Education Administration at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447 or call 918 - 756 - 8700, ext. 330 to apply.

Five Tribes Museum Art Competition

19th Annual Five Civilized Tribes Museum Art competition sponsored by Fort Howard paper foundation dedicated to the memory of Hays Holliday October 18, 1985 - November 15, 1985 to be held at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum deadline for entries: October 6, 1985. For more information contact: Debbie Synar or Lynn Thornley Five Civilized Tribes Museum Agency Hill,Honor Heights Drive Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401 Phone: 918-683-1701

-NOTICE-

Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m., Oct. 11, 1985 by the Creek Nation Housing Authority Loop 56 & U.S. Hwy. 75, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447. For the following:

1 - 1978 Ford F-150 Custom Pickup Tag no. Z-9390, red color, 350 H.P., A.C., radio, heater, heavy duty rear bumper, good condition, good tires.

Only certified check's or money orders will be accepted. Contact Ron Scott, 918-756-8504.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

It's A Girl!

Jimmy and Jackie Walker wish to announce the birth of their daughter born August 12, 1985.

Her name is Jenna Skye. Her weight is 5 pounds, 2 ounces and she measured 17½ inches.

The baby girl was born at W.W. Hastings Hospital at Tahlequah, OK.

Also welcoming their sister are Jamie Sue and James Merrick Walker, and their grandmother, Annie Walker Tiger of Earlsboro, OK.

Mr. Walker is a Lead Aide at the Creek Nation Eufaula Dormitory.

It's A Girl!

A baby girl, Rebecca Lynn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Landsberry, Henryetta, at 1:08 a.m., August 25, at the Henryetta Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds and 3 ounces and measured 18½ inches long.

Grandparents are; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Landsberry of Okmulgee and Jane Tallent of Bristow. She was welcomed home by sister Rachel, 4.

Steven Landsberry is employed with Creek Nation as a Community Planner in the Department of Community Services.

Plan To Attend!
NCAI CONFERENCE
October 7-11
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Suzan Shown Harjo, Creek, Executive Director of The National Congress of American Indians

SUZAN SHOWN HARJO

By Helen Chalakee

"Thrive. . .not simply survive" was the prediction for the future of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) by President Joe De La Cruz when Suzan Shown Harjo was selected for the *organization's Executive Directorship.*

"She has single-handedly served as catalyst for many crucial Indian policy initiatives over the past decade, and her legislative expertise is matched by none," added De La Cruz.

Since her inception as Executive Director, Suzan has actively enlisted over twenty tribes into NCAI. Some of them former members who had dropped their membership because of various reasons.

Muscogee (Creek) Principal Chief Claude Cox stated he is very excited about rejoining NCAI since Suzan has become active in the organization again. He commented, "Suzan is the main reason for our renewed interest in the National Congress of American Indians. She has does a good job for us in Washington and she is appropriately fair to all tribal representation."

Chief Cox continued, " It is very difficult for us here in Oklahoma to keep up with the national political scene, especially the ever increasing legislation involving Indians. We are comfortable knowing Suzan is in there daily working in our behalf."

"She has my support and the support of our tribe. We are proud of her Creek heritage. It is good to know we have Creeks of her integrity and intelligence representing us," he concluded.

The passage of more than 200 Bill and appropriations are the result of Suzan's successful lobbying efforts. One of which was the application of the Commodity Food Distribution Program to Indian governments in Oklahoma.

Suzan has served as NCAI Executive Director since May 1984. She is Cheyenne and Creek, born in El Reno, Oklahoma. Her parents are Freeland Douglas, Creek, U.S. Army Rtd. and Susie Eades Douglas, Cheyenne and Pawnee. They reside in San Antonio, Texas. Suzan is the granddaughter of Elijah Hanes, Beggs, and the late Bessie Mickey Haynes.

Suzan is the widow of Frank Ray Harjo. Frank spent his childhood in Creek Nation with his aunts, Helen Bunny and Bernice Thomas. While living in New York City, Suzan and Frank co-produced an Indian news program, "Seeing Red." She has two children, Adriane Shown Harjo, 20, and Duke Ray Harjo, 12.

She is a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapho Tribes in Oklahoma. Her Cheyenne great-grandfather, Bear Bull, helped to do in Custer at the Battle of Little Big Horn. C&A Tribal Chairman, Fred Hoffman said of Suzan, "We are proud of the qualities she possesses in terms of caring for and assisting Indians."

Prior to joining NCAI as Executive Director, she served as Legislative Liaison for a Washington law firm, representing Indian tribes coast-to-coast. In 1975-76, she worked with NCAI as Communication Director and Legislative Assistant, as well as coordinator for both the National Indian Litigation Committee and the NCAI/NTCA "Project to Review Regulations to Implement the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975." She now serves as co-chair of NCAI's Committee on Legislation and Litigation.

She sits on various other boards including the Human Environment Center; the National Women's Law Center; the Minority Legislative Education Program; WPFW-FM Radio; and Amerindian Circle.

She is President of ON/AIR and a Trustee of the Museum of the American Indian. She has also served on the Board of Trustees of the American Folklife Center and served on the Advisory Committee of "We the People 200, 1787-1987". She was recently named a member of the National Advisory Committee for the D-Q University in Davis, California.

In addition to her other accomplishments, Suzan is a poet whose works have been published in numerous journals, anthologies and textbooks, including "New York Quarterly", "Antaeus", "The Emerging Self: An Anthology of Contemporary Native American Literature."

Suzan has also served as Legislative Liaison, Native American Rights Fund; Special Assistant for Legislation Liaison, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Secretary of Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior; and News Director of the American Indian Press Association.

Suzan is founder of the Spiderwoman Theatre Company in New York City, also, the National Institute for Women of Color.

Listed in the "Directory of Contemporary Poets" since its first publication in 1970, she was selected as one of 20 American poets for "WOMEN/VOICES/1975", the Town Hall concert reading which was the International Women's Art Festival kick-off for International Women's Year.

Suzan's political and policy writings have appeared in the Chicago Tribune, the Village People and Akwesanse Notes; as well as, Indian Truth, NARF Announcements, E/SA, and Perspectives, the Civil Rights Quarterly, among many other publications.

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Suzan's credentials run lengthly and impressive; and all in one direction - Toward a better tomorrow for Indian people. As an associate so aptly described Suzan, "She is loved by those who recognize and appreciate her valor; feared by those less witted than she!"

STEVE WILSON

Steve Wilson to Run For Muscogee Area NCAI Vice President

I am accepting the challenge of running for the Vice-Chairman, Muskogee Area, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). I am not going to be one of those Indians, that you hear at all national conventions, who only speak of unity for the tribes, but rather, I will work for this goal. I have support of Chief Cox and the Creek Nation administration to work for this important goal.

I am not running for this position for self-gain. I already have the best job and position, working for my own tribal government, the Creek Nation. With the knowledge and experience I have gained over the years, working with tribal government, it is my desire to represent the Muskogee area tribal government with effectiveness in promoting the goals of the National Congress of American Indians.

Two years ago, I was elected Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging by members representing their tribes in Oklahoma on this Council. This Council has traveled to San Antonio for the Southwest Society on Aging Conference; Mid-America Conference on Aging in Kansas City and the National Area Agency on Aging/National State Unit on Aging in Washington, D.C., and numerous meetings throughout the State, addressing the plight of the Indian elders of this country.

In the many programs in the Aging network throughout the nation, Indian elders are the "forgotten Americans." Our goal is to not let them be forgotten. We have been successful at these conferences in gaining respect and support nationwide.

In seeing athe results of this Council's endeavors, I have seen the goals and ideas of this Council unified as ONE. It is not and cannot be a one-man show. It takes a unified effort by all members to make this successful. I am grateful for the support and dedication displayed by the members of the Oklahoma-Indian Council on Aging.

HUD Praises CN Housing Program

In August of 1984, a $500,000 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was awarded the Creek Nation for the rehabilitation of homes in Hughes and McIntosh Districts from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

In a recent letter to Principal Chief Cox from HUD's manager of Indian programs Charles Ming, the Creek Nation was commended for the quality of work performed and the progress made.

Ming wrote, "A review of the Creek Nation CDBG Program design and the individual rehabilitation file shows that the program is being administered in accordance with the Tribe's written guidelines. Both, low and moderate income tribal members are being benefited by the program."

At this time two homes have been rehabilitated 100 percent and two more are in progress. Ming stated that the individual rehabilitation funds were being spent to do quality work at reasonable costs. He added the work write-ups are clear and contain items of work that are eligible under the program guidelines.

Included as part of the grant was an interim repair activity to do work such as replacing pumps on water wells and ponds and the replacement of water lines and hot water tanks. Ming cited that at the time of HUD's visit, 32 such repairs had been completed. He stated adequate progress was being made to meet the scheduled completion date of December 1985.

Chief Cox said he was very pleased with the HUD report. He went on to say that reports such as this could only mean a more secure future for Creek Nation in obtaining other funding projects for the benefit of the Creek people.

Indian Educator Organizing Meeting Set

Ameeting to organize a statewide Indian Educator's Political Action Committee is scheduled for Sept. 24, 7:00 p.m. at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee. Pat Wilson and Glenda Sullivan are coordinating the meeting and are urging Indian educators to become involved in the all important political process of creating equitable education for Indian youth.

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The medicine that is used in the tribal ground today was displayed by the people. The other across the river had what is called spicewood and also the people from the West had spicewood, but they didn't present their spicewood,- instead they presented what we call the Redroot, which is took from the sort willows, not the regular willows that you see here.

The Redroot and the Spicewood was laid down together to demonstrate their powers and after much whooping, they were going to show each other how much power this medicine had. So the Coweta people, before whooping four times, the earth began to shake.

Then the same for the Tukabotchee people. When the Tukabotchee stomped their foot on the ground another earthquack came about to show that the two medicines combined together and this was the beginning of the Muscogee people.

Combining the two people, one from the skies and one from the earth, and the largest confederacy in the Southeast area.

In the Muscogee Confederacy, they spoke something like six different dialects and many of them were small tribes coming out of Louisiana and around the area. These tribes were to small to hold off their enemies, the French and the British or whoever they may be. So they had to go to the Muscogee country to find refuge among the Muscogee people. That made them that much more powerful in the Southeast. This is how the tribal grounds got started.

> *"The Muscogee people also had the circle. . .we can't get away from that circle. . .it is a measurement with no beginning and no ending; everything revolves in that circle". . .*

These grounds were regarded as sacred grounds because of the circle. Even though we are looking at the Muscogee traditions, we can't get away from that circle, that circle is something sacred to all the nations of this country, no matter what tribe they are- the circle has always been sacred.

The Muscogee people also had the circle, and it is well known among Indian people that it is a measurement with no beginning and no ending. It represents the cycle of life that to this day, Spring was here last year. . .it's here this year. . .and has been going on for thousands of years. Everything revolves in that circle, so the ceremonial grounds- each and every ceremonial ground- either Red Clan or White Clan, they all have this circle.

The terrace around this ground and the grounds were cleaned and kept cleaned and hoed out every year around the later part of June or July. What was cleaned out was raked onto this terrace that built the circle around these ceremonial grounds. In that ancient times that was the end of the year and the beginning of the new one.

> *"Cleaning out the grounds meant new life again". . .*

Cleaning out the grounds meant new life again, so a new fire was built which was the sacred fire, built with flint fire and the old ashes were taken out- out of the circle- and new earth was put there. The new fire was built there to symbolize the end of the year and a new year.

They say that in ancient times even their old clothes were thrown away and they made new ones. Even their old dishes were busted and they built new dishes and everything was renewed at that time.

The new year for the Muscogee people was not that of January first; it was during the Greencorn Ceremony. That was the beginning of the new year. And old bitter feelings, crimes that were committed during the past year were forgiven, even before entering into the ground everything was forgiven to one another. Even some of the crimes that was committed, a real serious crime, was forgiven. Everything was renewed during this time and that's what the Greencorn Ceremony is all about.

I had a chance to go to Africa two years ago, I went to Ywandi Cameroon. The World Spiritual Leaders and the Medicine People were meeting with the World Ministers, Church Ministers, sponsored by the World Council of Churchs. I went there and I thought it was a real interesting meeting there because the church leaders had four or five workshops and traditional people only had one which I thought was good because among the traditional people there is a common understanding of the creation and many stories are similar throughout the whole world.

I find out that the Bantu Tribe of Cameroon, they also have a new year. Their new year comes off in September and in their villages they too clean out all the villages, rake everything up and clean it up and they, too, build a sacred fire thats to burn throughout the whole year. I noticed the similarity there.

The sacredness of the ground there, we sometimes overlook what the ground was about. I suppose that this began maybe a hundred years ago, that these grounds began to be put down because of misunderstanding, not knowing what it's all about. Even the social dances that takes place at night, when taking part in the ceremonies, it is required that everyone that takes part stays awake all through the night.

The Muscogee people are great people to stay awake at night and to fast. So the fasting goes on all day long, taking of the medicine is purifying one's self. Then at night the dances are for the purpose of staying awake. There are other stories that says that participating in the ceremony is old, but the dances came later for the purpose of staying awake.

The social dances, there is alot of questions that come about that too, because of the songs that cannot be interpreted. The songs that are sung in there, no one can interpret that because in the beginning we had no teachers, no instructors. We could only copy off nature and the whole civilization of the Indian people was copied off a study of nature. So when we hear the birds sing, we never question no one what they're saying, but with the Muscogee people there have been a lot of questions asked, what are they saying? If they don't know they are saying they shouldn't say it, seems to be the idea.

There has been a lot said about the tribal grounds, but it is a copy of nature and you do not question nature. Why did you (Nature) bring your leaves in April? You never ask the trees this. When you hear the lion roar, no one asks the lion what the lion is saying. So we always felt that we are a part of nature.

> *. . ."the medicine songs of our people can be translated into English; but, it never has and I don't think it ever will be". . .*

Many of the songs that you hear in the tribal grounds may have no interpretation, but it is understood that other tribes can sing the same songs and they can use the same words. This dances goes on all night long until next morning. I one time heard some songs in South America that I, myself could sing with them, because it had the same words that we use at the tribal grounds here, and probably it is the same way with other tribes, too, in their songs. There's hardly any songs, traditional songs, that can be interpreted unless it be that of the church songs, now those can be interpreted.

And of course, the medicine songs of our people, if it was not so much against our way that too can be translated into English, but it never has, and I don't think it ever will.

There are a lot of meanings in our tradition that are never brought out because our ancestral homelands are away in Georgia and Alabama and all the mounds that are over there today.

[illegible] had a chance to see some of these mounds [illegible]e our people are buried. When buried there, they were not laying down. Many of these mounds that have been excavated all over the East coast area, Ohio, and all those states over there, even though they were not our people. The Indians there buried their people very much like ours.

In these mounds they found bones of our people buried setting up. And I heard from some of the old-timers in this community here talk about our people being buried setting up. When they were buried they were doubled up (fetal) in this fashion; they were placed in the ground and dirt was covered over them and continuing to do this built up these mounds that they have there in these states now. Many of these mounds that they find, burial mounds especially, they will find bones in that shape and even as far as Peru. I've seen in the British museum last year when I was there and I had the chance to go to what they called the Indian storage house, and I have seen that the Peru Indians are buried the same way. I seen them setting up when they were buried.

> *. . ."you return as you were born, so it gives you a good idea how come they buried their people in these mounds. . .so, when one dies, he goes back to Mother Earth, just like when he was born. . . that's why they buried them setting up". . .*

Now, according to some of the old people that were around here, they say that, not only these old people, I guess, itis common and well-known that you return as you were born. So it gives you an idea how come they buried their people in these mounds. Before you were born into this world in the mother's womb, that's the shape that you were in; you was all doubled up likc that and at the end of nine months, you came into the world. With every Indian throughout this whole nation they refer to the earth as Mother Earth. So when one dies he goes back to Mother Earth, just like he was born and that's the reason why they buried them setting up. Then building the mounds represented a pregnant woman - that's what it stood for. Later on in years, they began to bury them laying down as we do now.

So what traditions and customs that our people had, they had meanings that's somewhat lost throughout the years. Education, perhaps is responsible for a lot of this. Sometimes Christianizing people is responsible for this also, because all this was worldly and had no meaning to the new people that arrived in this country; they were from another culture. So, in the short four or five hundred years much of this has been lost, but if we study our history that we call Indian way of life, it's not that much different in any other race of people. Because I take it that whether he be a Frenchman or Dutchman or whatever he may be, life couldn't have begun much different, because at one time, they too had no teachers, they too had no schools, had no universities to go to when their ancestors came about. So they were also close to nature. They also studied nature.

I reminded them of that when I was in London last year; I lectured one week there in downtown London, and I reminded those English people that their ancestors, too had their mind set on nature at one time. Their old buildings say so; the modern buildings don't tell us that, but the old buildings down the street have imprints of nature on that building. The old furniture has a print of nature on that furniture, but the modern furniture, there is nothing there to remind us of nature no more. The modern buildings are all glass. Bach and Mozart, they were nature-minded too, they remind us of nature. So the old people way back they had their minds set on nature;-they had their love for nature at one time. But under the name of progress, perhaps our people's thoughts of nature were drained out of them.

Destruction of nature came about the way we see it to this day; that if these trees are in our way, all we have to do is bulldoze them down. There is no love for nature, but in a small way maybe there are certain groups of people that are struggling and fighting to preserve nature; and always the native people had love for nature, they have always had love for what they call Mother Earth.

> *"I like Switzerland because I never saw Pampers laying on the roadside". . .*

I am constantly thinking of my travels, such as to Switzerland. It is a beaautiful country, the mother country of many people here like Germany and those countries over there. But best of all I like Switzerland because I never saw Pampers laying on the roadside, I never saw a beer can laying there, and the country is so clean, and those people have been there for hundreds of years. They have them a farmland that they have farmed for years and years, year after year. They're still farming those lands and they're still producing those good vegetables, big cabbages, big broad leaves of mustard or whatever. They still produce good food because they still keep their land up.

Coming back to our country, I look around and think about people here. Is it because the mother-country is over there; and their life didn't originate here for them that they lay this land in waste, they keep it trashy? I always wonder about that and I've heard this about going to greener pastures, and I've wondered what that really means.

> *"We don't rebuild our land. . .we wear it out and leave it in waste". . .*

Then I begin to think after traveling and going to these other countries and seeing how clean these countries are and coming back here - we don't rebuild our land here. We wear the land out and leave it in waste, and then we go over here.

The first people that came here, they drifted from another countr[illegible] and they remained here, and their descendants that live here in this country maybe their drifters, too. So they're willing to leave Chicago, they're willing to leave Los Angeles, or they're willing to leave Ohio and come to Oklahoma, Connecticut, anywhere they want to go, they do that. But they leave the land in waste, and they go to the greener pastures and sometimes I just almost figure out what this guy is thinking if he wants this land.

Now this is the original allotment of my mother; we are fortunate out of thousands of our people that don't have any land any more. We are fortunate to at least have this 160 acres here and I can just imagine somebody passing by and thinking there is no improvement on this land and wishes that he had it, because he believes in going to greener pastures. He begins to look over here instead of rebuilding his land. He wants this land over here, so I kind of have an idea of what they mean, going to greener pasture[illegible] and that's the trouble with a lot of ot[illegible] now.

> *. . ."this whole area was the Muscogee land that was assigned to them. . .they're still attached to this land here". . .*

But, getting back to our Muscogee People here, this whole area was the Muscogee land that was assigned to them; it is not our original homeland. But, after being here for more than a hundred years, we became attached to this land here. But from basic pressure from all directions, that many of our people had to give up their land, move into cities urban areas, so there is not that many Indians living out here in the country no more. But, still yet they're still attached to this land here; we have Muscogee people living in Sacramento, but when they're talking about their home, they're not talking about that apartment in Sacramento. They're talking about back here in the Eastern part of Oklahoma. This is their home, whether they have land here or not, this is still their home.

You can take even the people that goes to these tribal grounds, many of them live in cities, but when their tribal ground is gonna have something going on, they come all the back from Oklahoma City and Tulsa and camp here. Alright, you go to their churches, many of the Creek church members, they live in Oklahoma City and Tulsa and Dallas, ali over, but they're always coming back, because they recognize this is home. They may not have a foot of land anymore, but after coming through here they can feel they're back home again.

One of the things I am always kind of proud of, you know, we like many other tribes, have our little dissentions, we have our little factions, Indian politics, and so on, but for some reason, we've kept our language. Visiting many other tribes, I find out there are some tribes that don't have a language at all. But within our Muscogee people, they have managed to keep their language, even at the churches they're preaching in their own language.

Our language is strong and that's what is required to continue with your culture. They

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CN Employee Sees Reward In Serving Others

MR. AND MRS. PHILLIP COON

By Kathryn Bell

The Muscogee-Wichita-Seminole Baptist Association recently held a day-long meeting at the Association Assembly Ground south of Henryetta in the commemoration of the 100th Year Anniversary of the dedicated service that the Women's Missionary Union (WMU's) have given to the Southern Baptist Association.

The theme of the conference, "Love Compelled Us to Go and Tell," was carried out in the activities for the day, which were organized and supervised by Helen Coon, the Associational WMU Director.

Guest Speakers for the conference were invited from the national and state level of the Southern Baptist Association. They were: Carol Weatherford, WMU Executive Director from Birmingham, Alabama and Elva Landers, former State WMU President.

Among the dignitaries of the day, Mrs. Coon, who is also the Caseworker for the Creek Nation Child Welfare Program, spoke from virtually a lifetime of dedicated service to the church and it's work. She has been involved with the work of the Association since 1948.

Mrs. Coon and her husband, Phillip, are members of the Little Quarsardy Indian Baptist Church near Cromwell, which is the mother church of her late parents, Joseph and Fenie Simmers. "I have always been involved in the work of our home church - I was brought up in church and have always enjoyed being able to be of service to it," said Mrs. Coon, who has held every office, at one time or another, of her church, from Sunday School Director to Church Training Director.

In her capacity as the Director of the Women's Missionary Union at the state level of the Southern Baptist Association, Mrs. Coon has a state level staff and works with the local churches and their groups.

As Director, Mrs. Coon's job involves extensive travel throughout the country - as well as international travel, as in the case of the meetings being held in such places as Tokyo, Canada, the Bahamas. She also attends youth rallys, camps and other activities of the church youth. She not only works in the administrative role of her office, but also works at the teaching level with the various church-sponsored events such as Vacation Bible School, youth camps and retreats. At the time of this interview, Mrs. Coon had just returned from Prince Albert, Canada, where she taught Vacation Bible School among the Cree Indians.

Speaking of her hectic but rewarding lifestyle, Mrs. Coon said, "It's not unusual for me to come in from work on a Friday evening and quickly pack my suitcase and head out the door for another meeting for the weekend." When questioned about the possible strain her traveling might create in her marriage of many years, Mrs. Coon laughed and said that her husband, Phillip had no objections - "He's very much involved in the Men's Missionary work in our church and he knows what it's all about."

When not traveling with her WMU office duties , she attends National and State P.O.W. conferences and meetings with her husband, a WW II decorated veteran and former prisoner-of-war.

Her dual roles on the job as caseworker and her after-hours role as WMU Director, have a common goal - ministering to the needs of people - particularly youth. "Whether I'm involved as a caseworker working toward the physical and emotional welfare of my clients or if I'm involved in the spiritual welfare of those in the church association - I'm still helping people, particulary the youth, and that makes both my jobs go hand-in-hand. Both are rewarding," she said.

During her 15 years of employment with Creek Nation, Mrs. Coon has worked with the Arts and Crafts Dept., served as a Community Health worker, family planning staff, and in the Maternal Child Health program. For the past three years, she has served as the caseworker with Creek Nation's Indian Child Welfare Program.

The Coons and their grandson, Robert make their home in Sapulpa.

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their civic duties and participation in the political activities of their community and Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation desires that all Creek citizens charged with any unlawful act shall receive a fair and impartial trial; and Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, throughout its history has never condoned Immoral Acts committed by any individual or citizen of this Tribe; Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation encourages its citizens to attend public trials; and that attendance by any Creek citizen at a public trial should not be construed as condoning the unlawful acts of which any Creek citizen is accused. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Dunn to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bill 8F was approved as read and will be recorded as such.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Burden to adjourn and by a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

THE ARTUSSE INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH, located near Eufaula, OK., and established in the late 1800's, has a long history of dedicated service to the community. In 1875, the Muscogee-Wichita-Seminole Association organized through Artusse.

Artusse Church History Rich in Tradition

By Kathryn Bell

Edmund Barnett, 86-year old Creek original allottee, recalls the pioneering spirit that built Artusse Indian Baptist Church, "the people had to meet secretly in each other's homes to hold their prayer meetings - because they would get whipped practicing Christianity according to Creek Indian law," said Barnett, who had heard these accounts from his grandmother.

Barnett speaks of the history of the Artusse church from the experience of his thirteen years of pastoring Artusse church. He has been retired from preaching for 14 years.

Artusse Indian Baptist was first built as a log cabin church two miles west of where it is presently located 2½ miles south of the Deere Chapel Community, west of Eufaula.

Barnett's family has always held a vital role in the church from it's beginning to the present. The elder Barnett's great-grandfather, Yogeneha, was one of the first deacons and Lewis Tiger, Barnett's grandfather, was an early pastor of the Artusse Church. According to Barnett, mother elders of the early church were; Lizzie McGilbray, mother elder leader; Hettie Phillips, second mother elder and wife of the pastor at that time; Eliza Tiger Barnett, Barnett's mother and third mother elder and Shelby Wesley, fourth mother elder.

Explaining the responsibilities of the mother elders, Barnett said, "they looked after the welfare of the members and would encourage them and talk with them if they were backslidden and help them to come back into church. They also helped prepare the women candidates for baptism."

The roots of the Artusse church were firmly entrenched in dedicated service and tradition. In 1875, the Muscogee-Wichita-Seminole Association was organized through the Artusse Church, appointing John McIntosh as the first missionary after the Association organized.

The pastors of the church were picked by fasting and prayer, according to Barnett."Prayer was the priority of everything that was done and every decision that had to be made - they prayed and fasted until they got an answer to that prayer."

Elder Barnett spoke of the changes he had seen in the church protocol, "The wasy we do things today in the church is different - even the way we baptize is different." However, as the dedicated man of God lamented, the most noticeable difference he had observed was "we don't do enough praying, fasting and paying attention to the things of God." Barnett had a strong rebuke for pursuing material security rather than placing the church first in order of importance.

"Everybody's mind in on the job - they can't show up for church on Sunday, but you can bet they'll be on the job on Monday..." he said, lowering the tone of this voice reverently, "...we were not that way in the beginning - we respected and feared God."

Like most of the Indian church pioneers, the loss in tradition of the early church that they feel the most keenly, is the phasing out of the old time camp meetings - a regular occasion that sometimes lasted for days and was complete with good food, fellowship, anointed preaching, and all-night services. "Our brush arbor camp meetings were held twice a year and what a time we had - we would shout, sing and pray - sometimes all night! " he said, excitement in his voice. However, Artusse continues to hold their camp meetings, although for a much shorter time period now, and also continues to observe the last fourth Friday of the month, the Testimonial night and the Handshaking Ceremony is still held after the Lord's Supper.

Rev. Barnett was born in 1899 and raised one mile from the church he loves. He now lives in the Deere Chapel Community, where he has lived for 16 years, the last years of which he has lived with his daughter, after his wife's (Mandy Simmons Barnett) death in 1980.

CN Rodeo Club Cookout

The Creek Nation Rodeo Club is planning a Cook-out, September 19, at 5:00 p.m. outside the Mound Building.

CHUBBY ANDERSON, JOB DEVELOPER IN THE CN JTPA PROGRAM, is shown with Rick Rowe, the originator of the AYUDA Toy Project, an inmate-operated project at the Rahway State Prison in New Jersey. Rowe, an inmate at the prison, was host to a delegation of Indian tribes from across the country who have picked up toys for the children of their tribes. Shown also is "Sal," right, of the Rushberry Warehouse where the Creek Nation delegation (Mr. Anderson, Pat Presson and Bernice Watson) picked up the toys to bring back to Creek Nation for distribution among the children at Christmas.

Creek Nation Delegation Travels to Prison Brings Back Toys from AYUDA Toy Program

Three Creek Nation representatives, Fredo Anderson, Pat Presson and Bernice Watson were guests of the Manasquan Elks Lodge in Manasquan, NJ along with 60 other Indians from Oklahoma, New York and Canada.

This representation was to show our appreciation to Rick Rowe, inmate, of the Rahway Prison, Rahway, N.J. and Sal of Rushberry Warehouses in Passiac, NJ for the toys that were a gift to the Creek Nation through inmate, Rick Rowe. This is also to promote Mr. Rowe's AUYDA Toy Drive.

Not only is Rick responsible for the Auyda Toy Drive but also for the TV Presentation of "Scared Straight" which many of us have seen on TV.

The Creek Nation has already received on 45ft. semi-trailer load of toys for our children. These toys will be distributed at Christmas time. These toys are new toys that Mr. Rowe has been able to get through his toy drive. The reason for the large amount of toys is that Rick does not want any child not to receive a toy at Christmas.

We would like to thank our host - The Elks Lodge - for all their hospitality. Once again, Rick, we would like to say THANKS for your remembering our Creek Indian Children.

CN Employment Training Program
Fredo Anderson,
Bernice Watson,
Pat Presson

NOTE: Rick Rowe, who is serving a life sentence at Rahway Prison, has been interested in American Indians for the past 18 years. He has acquired and read everything he could on the subject of Indians, including over 200 books, historical works and reports printed by the BIA.

It was seven years ago that Rowe conceptualized the toy program and made it a reality. One of the main motivations behind the toy program was the fact that inmates at the prison were too poor to give their own children presents at Christmas.

Each year, firemen, policemen, and private citizens collect new and used toys. The used toys undergo repair by the inmates at the maximum security prison. Approximately 80,000 children benefit from the AYUDA Toy program each holiday season.

TSIANNINA BUCKLEY HOURNAMAND

Creek R.N. Named "Nurse of Month"

Tsiannina Buckley Hournarmand, RN, has been named "Nurse of the Month" for the month of September by her colleagues of the Pediatrics Staff, where she works, at the South Community Hospital in Oklahoma City.

She has worked in the Pediatrics Unit for five years, having started there right after graduating from Nursing School at the University of Oklahoma.

Hournarmand, the daughter of Louis and Delia Buckley, is a native Oklahoma Cityan, is full-blood Creek, and is active in tribal affairs. She spends her spare time with her family, Mike and their two children.

Creek Nation Indian Riding Club News...

By Rita Williams

The Creek Nation Indian Riding Club participated in the Cherokee Region Eight Rodeo August 30, setting the pivots each night and riding in the parade Saturday morning.

Members Tina Davis carried the American flag, Roy Roberts, Vice President, and Sandra Pigeon, carried the Oklahoma flag. Riding were members Joe Leitka, Jerome Roberts, Beverly Pigeon, Matthew Roberts, Lisa Hamilton, Jason Roberts, Tony Roberts and Mike Payne.

Representing the Riding Club were Adam Thomas, President, Willie Pigeon, Board of Director, Carney Roberts, Board of Director, Sandra Pigeon, Riding Club Queen, and Beverly Pigeon, Riding Club Princess.

The following club members spent 3 days at Tahlequah attending the festivities: Stella and Caney Roberts, Elmer and Mahalie Jones, Glenn and Liz Jones and family, Jackie Sue, Brenda and Scotty, Carney and Lorena Roberts and Family, Matthew, Jerome, and Sonnie Ruth, Judy Roberts, Jason Leitka, Joe Leitka, Roy Roberts,Tony Roberts, Kendall Roberts, Russell Roberts, Recy and Peggy Lyda, Billy and Diane Jones, Floyd and Norma Jones, Chester Adams, Mike and Sue Payne and family, Stephanie and Tonya Payne, Steve and Michelle Pigeon, Adam and Joann Thomas, Tina Davis, Rita Williams and Lisa Hamilton, Caney and Johnnie Roberts and son Caney Roberts III, from Albuquerque, N.M.

The Riding Club held a playday at the Creek Nation Rodeo grounds in Okmulgee on August 24. The high point trophy winners were: Pee Wee Girls Division - Reese Crabtree, Pee Wee Boys Division - Jerome Roberts, Junior Girls Division - Cindy McFarland, Junior Boys Division - Jason Leitka, Intermediate Girls Division - Beverly Pigeon, Intermediate Boys Division - Tracy Poindexter, Senior Womens Division - Sandra Pigeon, Senior Mens Division - Jerry Creason.

September 3, the Riding Club held its monthly meeting with 30 people in attendance. The club ordered new jackets for the Riding club and discussed the upcoming events. The next scheduled playday for the C.N. Indian Riding Club will be September 21st starting 7:00 p.m. at the C.N. Rodeo grounds in Okmulgee.

The Riding Club will be going to the Weleetka Pride Day celebration where they will ride in the parade and playday that afternoon.

The club will also participate in the Preston playday benefit being held for the Branson family who lost a daughter recently.

The Riding Club meets the first Tuesday of every month at the Creek Nation Dining Hall starting 7:00 p.m. If you are a Charter member of any tribe and have a C.D.I.B. card you may join. Associate memberships are extended to non-Indians by a chartered member sponsoring them upon approval by the Board.

CREEK NATION TRIBAL ELECTION OCTOBER 26

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SHELLY MITCHELL

Shelly Mitchell Receives OHS Band Honors

Shelley Mitchell, Okmulgee High School Sophomore, is one of two OHS band members to receive the honor of being accepted into the Oklahoma All-Star Marching Band (OASMB).

Shelley spent the week of July 28 - August 2 on the University of Oklahoma, Norman Campus with 348 of the top band students in the State. students in the State.

Shelly and Denise Brummett, also a Sophomore at Okmulgee High, was chosen out of 550 other band students who tried out for the OASMB from 138 other high bands across the state.

Shelley will have the privilege of being apart of the nationally-known marching band, which consists of 320 band members and 40 flag corp members who are considered the best in the state.

During their hectic week at OU, the band members practised their show and music for their half-time performance in the Oklahoma All-Star Football Game held during August in Tulsa.

Shelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mitchell of Okmulgee. Mr. Mitchell is employed with the Accounting Dept. of Creek Nation.

NOTICE

There will be an Influenza (Flu) Vaccine Clinic to be conducted at the Eufaula Creek Nation Indian Health Center every Wednesday during the month of October to the Indian population.

These vaccines will be given from 8:30 - 4:00 p.m. every Wednesday during the month of October.

The elderly (65 years and older) and people any age who have certain chronic health conditions such as diabetes, diseases of the heart, lungs or kidneys, severe anemia or lowered resistance to infection due to illness or medication, should have this vaccine.

Creek Bodybuilder Contender for "Mr. Oklahoma" Title

By Kathryn Bell

Brent Hale, Jr., competitive body builder, will be a contender in the upcoming "Mr. Oklahoma" body building competition, sponsored by the National Physique Committee, and to be held next June in Tulsa.

Hale, the son of Brent Hale, Sr. and Bernice Hale, a CN employee, is 6'2" and weighs 240 lbs. off-season and 220 during competition.

Winning the "Mr. Tall" category in the "Mr. Tulsa" competition last April, Hale was a former power-lifter and has won many trophies and titles in this capacity.

While a student at Okmulgee High, Hale now 23, was involved in football and weight training, but he said he was never an outstanding athlete. He started working out with weights at his brother's home five years ago and has been striving ever since for competitive excellence in the event.

Wife Monica joins her husband in enthusiasm for body building. She has also been involved in body building for the last six weeks and the results can be seen in the toned and supple gracefulness of her small frame. "Aside from the improved physical appearance one acquires in body building, it also increases your strength and energy level - and that's important to me," said the young mother of a two-year old daughter. Both Hales work as instructors for the U.S. Fitness Center at the Bethesda Boy's Ranch.

The couple has plans to compete later in the "Mr. and Mrs. Oklahoma (Mixed Pairs)" contest.

Now in training for the "Mr. Oklahoma" competition, Hale must watch his weight and faithfully train until the competition. What does it take to win such a competition? Hale says "hard work, discipline, dedication, and you must be able to see yourself as a winner - visualization." Hale feels that he will be a strong contender in the competition. If he places in the top three positions in the competition, he will be eligible to compete in the "Mr. America" contest.

A more distant goal, say the Hales, is to be good enough and do well enough in future competitions to become contenders for the top prize in Body Building - "The Mr. and Mrs. Olympia" competition.

In training for a major competition, Hale will work out at least 3 hours a day for approximately nine months, eat nutritious (high carbohydrate, low fat and moderate protein diet) six times a day, rather than three, and work on his tan- "you can never be too tan, if you aren't dark enough you have to use body makeup because in these competitions, you go for a look and not a weight," said Hale.

Other than experiencing the thrill of competition and the reward of winning a competition, Hale said he has gained a better mental outlook through involvement with body building, "I have more confidence in myself now and that has a positive effect upon everything I do."

When asked what the hardest part of their training for competitions was, both Hales were in unison - "dieting!" "As soon as the competition is over - we hit the Pizza place!" laughed Monica.

In dispelling some of the myths of body building, Hale said — " It isn't true that if you don't work out every day that you will turn to flab - the muscle will still be there, but you will just be smaller, also you don't go on an all-protein diet, as some believe. The body can only use so much protein and the rest will be stored as fat." Hale confirmed, however, that most body builders do take vitamin supplements, simply because all the nutrients are not available in the foods we most commonly eat. One common conception is true, however, of body building - "it is expensive. You must have the proper equipment to train and there is expense involved in getting ready for a competition, " said Hale.

Hale's desire is to someday open a gym in Okmulgee, where he and his wife and daughter currently reside.

Both are active in the Crosstown Pentecostal Church ("we strive to set a good example for the youth," they said), and Hale is a member of the Creek Nation Citizenship Board.

RHANA JAREE THORNBURGH

Rhana Jaree Thornburgh Selected OU Cheerleader

Rhana Jaree Thornburgh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thornburgh, Broken Arrow and graddaughter of Margaret Thornburgh, Okmulgee, was recently selected as a cheerleader at the Univeristy of Oklahoma. A graduate of Union High School, Rhana is a sophomore at O.U. and a member of Delta Delta Delta. She was also recently awarded a minority scholarship for academic achievement in maintaining a B and above average. For the past two summers, Rhana has received certificates from Tulsa Junior College for maintaining a 4.0 average for her summer hours.

Bigponds Celebrate Anniversary Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Kessler Bigpond, Sr. celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary, August 29th with a dinner at their home 313 E. Cloud in Bristow.

The Bigpond's were married, August 29th in 1925 at Holdenville, Oklahoma. Kessler is from Bristow and Lucy the former Lucy James is from Hannah, Oklahoma.

They have four sons; David Bigpond of Bristow, Wendell Bigpond of Sapulpa, Kessler Bigpond Jr. of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Ethan Bigpond of Coweta. A daughter Cecelia passed away in 1978. They also have 17 Grand Children and 12 Great-Grand Children.

MELISSA CULLY

Melissa Cully Attends Camp

Melissa Culley age 12, daughter of Farron and Irene Culley, Okemah Ok, attended Basketball Camp this summer at Idabel. We are proud to announce that Melissa worked very hard and won 2 trophys from her grade category. She received trophys for Best Jump Shot and Best Forward. Melissa will be in the 7th grade at Mason High School this fall. We wish her the best for her Basketball season at Mason.

A Requiem For Phillip Deere: Muscogee Orator/Medicine Man

Phillip Deere died recently of cancer at the age of 56. The following interview was conducted with him at his home near Okemah by Mason School students for an Indian Studies Project under the supervision of Mike Lambeth. Phillip's interview was one of many Creeks in that area that was compiled and edited by Helen Chalakee of the Creek Communication Center into a book Lambeth entitled "The World and Way of the Creek People". Phillip's teachings were rich in tradition blended with his philosophical views of modern day Indianism. For reprint information credit the Muscogee Nation News.

PHILLIP DEERE: The Creek traditions and their customs have been held down for so many years; even though their is a need for it, it is hardly even mentioned in history books. There's not that many books on the Creek tradition; although, it was one of the largest confederacies in the Southeast, and the Southeast culture is entirely different from the tribes we live with here in Oklahoma.

Since the tribes came from the East coast, they have beliefs that are very much different from the Plains or Northern Indians. But, we mostly here today, even some of our Creek artist that we have, we look at their work and it concerns other tribes, rather than their own, because the tribe has not built that much pride in them as I see it.

It's needed. . .the study of the Creek culture and what the significance of the tribal grounds or what is sacred to them and to the creation and where did the ceremonial grounds begin and how important it was to our ancestors should be brought. But, since it hasn't been brought out a lot of the traditions have died down and much of it has been put down and was never held as anything sacred anymore. It is more like a recreation area to a lot of our Indian people and the non-Indian, of course, are a long ways from understanding what it's all about.

There was no ceremonial ground in the beginning and the history tells us that the beginning of the Muscogee people, or the Creek tribe, which are both the same, began as two sets of people made up the tribe. There is very little in the history that talks about the Red Clan and the White Clan. They both have separate history from how they originated, but combined, they became the Muscogee Tribe.

"The beginning of what is known as the Red Clan say that they descended from the skies; and the White Clan say that they came out of the earth, somewhere in the West". . .

Now, there are certain tribal grounds that I mention which are called Ceremonial Grounds, in our language we call it Tribal Towns. The beginning of what is known as the Red Clan says that they descended from the skies and the White Clan say they came out of the earth, somewhere in the West.

However, it is a long migration story of the people from the West and no one knows how long it took them to get to the East coast. But, after settling in the East, somewhere in Georgia, Alabama and Florida, where the white man found them, is where the corn came about.

During the migration they had no corn, and corn came about in the East, and it required ceremonies. Therefore, ceremonial grounds had to be established- which was very much like a church, except you didn't join it. You were born with it and according to Creek customs, each member of the Creek tribe is born into one of these tribal grounds, and somewhere in the East where they lived, they had probably more than 60 different tribal grounds that they attended year after year.

After coming from the East and were brought over here to what is now called Oklahoma, they were cut down to something like 44 recognized tribal grounds. Today, we have perhaps 20 or 21 existing tribal grounds, somewhere in the neighborhood of that.

In 1972, the survey was something like 12 or 13 tribal grounds that were actually functioning. After that, some of them have somewhat revived so we have a little over 20 tribal grounds now.

During the time they settled in the East, the oldest of what we have at the tribal ground is perhaps the ball pole- which is a game between men. In it they throw out a cow skull or something that symbolizes a fish, or some kind of skull. At the tribal ground nearest here, their ball pole, it has been said, is the symbol of a war club- so they never put up a cow skull or any image of a fish up there. . .but, there is a knot there and it is supposed to represent a club.

This is one of the oldest of what the tribe has, the ball pole is older than the ceremonial ground itself, because it represented that migration when the earth opened it bowels somehwere in the West and lived in a land of fog and this where the clans originated.

When the winds came and blew the fog away, the first animal that one saw. . .he became of that clan, and, of course, the first animal was the Bear. So the bear became the leading clan and all the others followed: deer, raccoon, and whatever the tribe had originated in this land.

. . ."they thought the sun was the purest thing of anything their eyes could see". . .

However, the children would not grow up, so they decided to go East and they thought the sun was the purest thing, of anything, that eyes could see. So, they went East and no one knows for how long they travelled going East.

While doing this, they came to a mountain and the story says that a mountain thundered and it had red smoke coming from the top of this mountain, which nowadays it sounds very much like a volcano.

. . ."they set the pole up; whichever way it fell gave them direction". . .

However, there was a pole that trembled all the time and nothing could stop it. For some reason, and why I never could figure it out, but these kinds of stories have been told over and over in other incidents, they took a motherless child, which is an orphan child that had no parents, and they slammed that baby against the pole and killed the baby and when this happened the pole stopped.

And this pole, they picked it up and during the migration wherever they settled, they set the pole up and whichever way it fell, it gave them the direction which way to go. Always, it fell toward the East and they migrated going East.

There were three groups of people that came out of the earth. They were known as the Cussita people, the second group was known as the Chicksaw. The Chicksaw is an entirely different tribe now, but our language is similar and the third group was Coweta.

These were the first tribal grounds of the Muscogee people that came from the West. They went on East until they reached the East coast. They couldn't see where the sun was coming from, what they were determined to see, but since it came out of the ocean, they couldn't go any further, so they settled there along the coast for perhaps several years.

"The pole for once in all the years of migration fell backwards. . . telling them to go back". . .

The pole for once in all the years of migration fell backwards, telling them to come back, so they came back to the inland and lived in Georgia and Alabama when the white man came here.

However, when they were settled there, they settled for good and was established.

Naturally the first tribal grounds was Coweta, and the Chicksaws also had their language which was similar and their names were that of the Muscogee Tribe.

Cussita meant to say in plain ancient language, where is the sun or where is it coming from, that was the idea in the first place and the Chicksaws, they too, their names were picked up from the Muscogee language,too, because their name was Weegecussossa "someone who see the sun".

The others were Coawheta and that in later years changed to Coweta. The Cussita people, in our modern times, are located around Okmulgee and they even have the Cussita Church out there and nearby there was a Cussita Tribal Ground and these were the first people.

And the Coweta Grounds were located toward Eufaula, and the Chicksaw, of course, they were a separate tribe speaking almost the same language and were close friends to the Cussita people.

I was told that in early times, real early times, when the Muscogees went to war they fought against the Cherokee and other tribes, and always the Chicksaws refused to aid any other body and any other tribe, because of their connection with the Cussita people. These were the first tribal grounds, however, in migrating to the East they met the other clan which is called Red Clan of today.

These are what we call Tukabotchee people and they are located around west of Wetumka. This is the oldest grounds of this other clan and they have an entirely different story of how they came about.

Their story is that they descended from the sky on seven blocks of wood. They speak the same language, but they do not say they came from the West.

They were from the East and had always been there when the people from the West arrived. They met these Tukabotchee people over there and it was said that in ancient times when one went into a village they shot an arrow into the village, white is always the sign of peace among the Muscogee people. But, if the arrow returned with the red paint, that meant war.

So the Cussita people that came from the West shot an arrow into this village and a red one returned, so that meant war and they never knew each other until the evening of the war. They met each other at the river.

One asked each who was the other, and the people across the river said, "I am Tukabotchee." The other said, "I am Coweta", and on that evening they learned they could understand each other in language. Rather than go to war, they compared medicines.

OBITUARIES

PHILLIP DEERE

Church services were held Sunday Aug. 18 for Phillip Deere at the Thewarle Baptist Church, northeast of Dustin with Rev. Eastman Whitlowe, Dustin, officiating.Family services were held August 19, 2 p.m. at the Cokopolokse Roundhouse on the family farm east of Okemah.

Deere was born Feb. 8, 1929 east of Okemah on his family's farm. He died August 16 on the farm at the age of 56.

He was the son of the late Raymond Deere and Fannie Harjo, and a member of the Thewarle Baptist Church near Dustin.

Deere was an outspoken Indian orator known throughout the world as a champion of Indian traditions and Indian justice. He preached his Indian philosophy, religion and herbal medicine across the United States, Africa,Canada and Switzerland.He was appointed chairman of a commission charged with gathering information about problems Indians have around the world. Last year he attended a peace meeting in Egypt, the only American Indian representative there.

Deere had little formal schooling, but was taught the Creek traditions by the tribal elders who helped raise him. After his father died, Deere was sent to an orphanage at Bacone College for five or six years and the husband of a great aunt raised him after that. The tribal elders feared that school would destroy his language and Indian culture.

Under the guidance of tribal elders for many years, Deere became an expert in herbal medicine and spoke to medical students in many nations and in the U.S.

Deere became involved with the American Indian Movement, and in 1972 was among the group of Indian activists who took over the Bureau of Indian Affairs building in Washington, D.C. He became more widely known after that and spent much of his time on speaking tours. But he always returned to his family home east of Okemah in the spring to take care of his garden.

Survivors include nine children: Mancie Deere, Chumona Harjo, Samuel Deere, Parnoskey Deere, Nova Deere, Ahse Deere, Menahwee Deere and also Joe Sulphur; one brother, Henry Deere, one sister, Stella Bell; and eleven grandchildren.

Deere was buried on the family farm under the direction of the Webb Funeral Home.

Rememberance For Phillip Deere

Phillip will be remembered for a long time. Every time you think of being Indian, you will think of the culture and traditions and his love for his Indian people.

When my son was kicked out of school for having long hair, some 15 years ago, Phillip was called to straighten this matter out. His main words were - "long hair doesn't give you education - it's what's inside that does..." Phillip won the argument and the school let my son back in.

Phillip always gave a helping hand when he could. His laying-in-state at the last served more than just passing on. It was a show of togetherness and justice for all Indians.

Christine Henneha
Okemah, OK.

DAVE HARJO, RIGHT, RECEIVES A KING JAMES AND A MUSCOGEE LANGUAGE BIBLE, from his son, Amon, Pastor of Yardeka Indian Baptist Church during recent ordination services. The 77-year old Harjo served as a Deacon for approximately 45 years before surrendering to the Gospel of the Ministry in May and was ordained on August 3

JONAS ARTUSSEE

Funeral services were held August 26 for Jonas Artussee, 56. Services were held at the Artussee Family Place east of Okmulgee, officiated by Rev. Henry Tarpalechee.

Pallbearers were Troy Umstead, Jim Hicks, John Factor, Ward Beaver, John Jacobs and Lewis Hicks.

Mr. Artusse was born April 3, 1929 in McIntosh County, he died August 23 in Oklahoma City. He was a resident of Okmulgee and a member of Hickory Ground No. 2 Church.

Survivors include four daughters, Linna Jacobs and Loretta Artussee of Okmulgee; Linda Hicks, Henryetta; Laura Beaver, Morris; one brother, Yahola Artussee, Oklahoma City; a half brother, John Artussee, Henryetta; two sisters, Juanita Artussee, Okmulgee and Ina Artussee, Morris, and six grandchildren.

JOHN HARJO

Funeral services for John Harjo, 72 were held August 26 at the Huchachubba Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Roley Haynes officiating.

Mr. Harjo was born December 27, 1912 in Oklahoma, died August 23. He was a retired construction worker and member of the Huchachubba Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edna Mae, of the home in Henryetta; five step children, Lena Marshall, Edmond, Chebon Marks, Oklahoma City, Rocky Lee Marks, Weleetka, Raymond Marks of Wewoka and Johnny McDaniel of Okmulgee; two brothers, Alex and Joe, both of Henryetta; a sister Melissa Starr, Henryetta and seven grandchildren.

CAMPMEETING SEPTEMBER 25-29

Rev. Mary Fish will be hosting a Campmeeting, at the Grayhorse Reservation, near Pawhuska, Ok. September 25 through the 28. Services will begin at 7:00 p.m. nightly and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. We encourage all who can to attend.

Letter From Rev. Ernest Best...

"Say not ye there are yet four months and then cometh the harvest..."John 4:35
"Verily, I say unto you, this generation shall not pass till all things be fulfilled." Matthew 24:34

The call is urgent...the need is great...and the hour is late. You, who know Jesus Christ as your Savior, pray to the Lord of the harvest that he might send forth laborers into the field. You, whom the lord has called, don't delay any longer. The coming of the Lord is at hand and as the old song says, *"souls are crying, men are dying."* Our brothers and sisters in the south, widen your vision. Look beyond your community, your area, your state...look to the north and west. We in the south have churches on top of churches and continue to start new missions while here in the north there are few gospel preaching churches. There is a spiritual hunger-an openess among our Indian people. Our enemy, Satan is not resting. He has his people very busy. People with false doctrines are having a field day. Cults that some of us have never heard of are mobilized, making great inroads among the youth. They are giving our people a counterfeit. There are so few offering the true gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

As we see the immensity of the task and the need for workers, we are almost overwhelmed. When we look at the vastness of our Indian nations, we cry, "Oh God, send out enough laborers to make a real impact for your glory." Every New Testament church of born again believers should be sending out missionaries. If just half of our Indian churches in eastern Oklahoma were fulfilling the Great Commission, we would begin to make that impact for the Lord. We implore you, let us bombard the throne of God with our prayers that he will call out, equip and provide for men and women of God to go forth into the fields that are white unto harvest.

We spent the first two weeks of July on the Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation, in South Dakota, with Bro. Ballard and Bonita White. The first week we were in Eagle Butte in revival, the second week, we spent mornings in VBS adult Bible study at Green Grass and evenings in revival at Green Grass and LaPlante. We praise God for the Whites. They have stood for 19 years, never compromising the Word or in their lives. God has blessed their labors with fruit. He blessed while we were there with the gracious moving of His Spirit.

We spent two weeks on the Red Lake Chippewa Reservation in Minnesota. We had one half week at Ponemah, one week at Redby, one night on the White Earth Reservation and a three day week end teaching and preaching at Camp Green Hill, near Duluth. We also taught two hour seminars during the mornings at Redby. The Lord :moved in great power in these meetings. Many came for prayers of rededication, committments, salvation and assurance of salvation. Only God sees the eternal accomplishments.

We stayed with Bro. Jim Lasley and Delores. They were really good to us. Bro Jim is a Creek from Oklahoma. He and his wife have a burden to see a gospel preaching church started in the town of Red Lake.

There are seven Chippewa reservations iln northern Minnesota. There are 21 bands of Chippewa. Some are Christians. Many are traditional. They are very gracious, friendly people. We are now with the Chippewa in Wisconsin.

Please continue to pray for us that God, through His power, will somehow use us in our weakness. We, in our human capacity, can do little,but we have the blessed assurance, that things are accomplished. "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit sayeth the Lord of hosts." "God giveth the increase." Also, continue to interceed in behalf of the souls of Indian people, and the Indian churches and pastors across the country and Canada. The work is difficult and our enemy wages a constant warfare against God's men and women.

We praise God for your continued financial support. Your faithfulness is a great source of rejoicing and encouragement, as well as faith in our Lord's promises.

If you need to contact us, you may get a telephone number from Rev. Gary Hawkins, (918) 689-9490 or Jim Davis (918) 689-2435.

Brother Ernest & Bennie Best

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will never learn the full tradition of our people without the language; that language has to be there. People from different tribes and non-Indians come here wanting to be medicinemen, but I tell them it's impossible because you don't know the language. You have to know the language in order to keep this going, but with our young people, where they lose the language, they can read and study all they want to about the Creek traditions and customs, but without the language, they will never have a full understanding of it.

Even telling a story, what we always refer to as bedtime stories when we were children, we knew what they were talking about when they start talking about rabbit or coyote or whatever. We knew what they were talking about and we were told these stories all through the growing up period we heard these little stories. Now, with the children today, they don't understand their language so you try to tell that in English and somewhere along the story it loses it's meaning. It's not even funny.

The language we have is a beautiful language. We have no cuss words; every word we can understand and it always made me think of my school years. I went to grade school and I was placed in an orphan home they did not want me to speak my language. So I had to go and play around with Cherokees and other tribes so I forget my language. But somehow I managed to preserve it and all of my children here I taught them my language. There are alot of those, mainly those growing up in cities, they don't speak their language.

Our language is still strong, but still yet, most of our people year after year, they're moving into Okemah or Okmulgee or somewhere. Their children seem to be forgetting their language or the parents are not teaching them. That language is required.

You can take the beliefs of something that is sacred, to us or has always been holy to the tribe, it seems to me like it is no longer there, even the tribal grounds. The very people that operates there probably doesn't know the full meaning of what's going on there. Some of them probably go to it because mama used to go to it or grandpa used to go to it, not really understanding what the fire in the center is all about or how come it's there. Sometimes I get into a little arguement with some people that kind of talk against it and sometimes it comes from church-going people.

In the early times the missionaries made a mistake by thinking that we worship the fire and to this day that thought still kind of hangs around, that the traditional people worship the fire. If whoever is saying this is a church person or church going-person, I remind them how come God did not speak to Moses in person, rather a burning bush spoke to Moses.

The thoughts of the Creation is different among the Muscogee people than other tribes. These are some of the things I have learned the past few years of my travels;

The Lakota people pray directly to the Great Spirit, much like Christian people only they use the pipe to communicate to the Great Spirit. The Navajo communicate with a Great Spirit in their own way. Alot of other tribes, they pray directly with the Creator or the Great Spirit. One thing I find out studying my own ways, that we never had a prayer direct with the Creator or to the Great Spirit and it's hard to explain this to other tribes. Why? Even to a non-Indian it would be very difficult for them to understand because of the language also.

The other tribes they pray direct to the Creator or the Great Spirit, whatever they call it and the white man his Jehovah, God, he prays direct to him.

Traditional Muscogee people in ancient times had no such prayer and we are the only ones that I can think of that don't have that kind of prayer, because we had no name for the Creator. In ancient times the Creator was called the One Above All. That's the only name that we had and in later years through Christianizing our people, we began to call God in our language. Much further back than Christianity coming to us they had no name for the Creator, it was against the religion of our people to try to picture, or try to figure out the Creator.

In the Southwest culture, the belief is in four separate worlds; underneath, surface, water, and the sky. Within the four separate worlds there is no description of a Creator, and so, if I say that creator may be a tree or what we call Above All, maybe a moon or star or the sun or maybe the Earth, it would be hard for you to dispute that. If I stick to my agrument, there's no way you can win. Grab all your books that you can find and you cannot win, because no one has ever saw the Creator, no one has ever saw God. Then again we refer back to Moses, he only saw the shadow of God. What did the shadow look like? Did the shadow look like a human being? Or did it look like an animal? No one knows. So if you have never seen the Creator; if you have never seen God, you can't say that God is not a tree. There is no other way, that you can describe the Creator outside this circle. You can't describe the Creator outside the creation, so that is the Muscogee people; no other tribe will talk about this in that way because I've been with them and I've talked about it with them.

There is a belief among other tribes that the Great Spirit is up here somewhere (above). There is the belief in the Christian teaching that God is like me. He had ears and eyes, he is a figure of me because in the Book of Genesis it says so, that we are in His image. So the belief is that there is this big guy up here somewhere which is called God or Creator, but within the ancient beliefs of the Muscogee people there is no such thing. That's why the belief is in the four separate worlds is that there is life underneath and we have stories like the bedtime stories that I was talking about of what took place in early times between the animals underneath and those on the surface. We have stories that tell us what happened in the sky world, the earth, the water, there is life in water, too. What happened between these animals we have these stories and we understand what powers and energies that every part of the creation possess. A tiny blade of grass has powers that the biggest tree doesn't have, a little bitty insect has certain powers that the elephant doesn't have. So in every creation, there is powers and energies there and this is where the Muscogee belief comes that they are medicine people. They are believers in herbs. There's been many different people even in early times trying to explain what the word "Muscogee" means. Everybody fumbled around with that word for years and years, and I was told Muscogee is not a full word, it is only a part of a Creek word and what it really means is those that possess herbs. It was pronounced "Ishekeemusseeoksusske" and of course, white man can't say that, so "Muscogee" is easier, so Muscogee became our name. But what the long word means is "people that have tea or herbs" so most of our were herbal people. They believed in mints, they belived in blackjacks (oak), elm, or whatever, that they have certain powers for certain cures. Not only was it the medicineman that used it, people they knew how to use these herbs and the whole, even a young person knew something concerning herbs. So, they were herbal people, that's where our name comes from.

The story tells us that at one time all of the enemies of our people were everything within the creation and man stood alone with no friends. The animals, the birds, and everything was against the human being at one time, and that the only friend they could find was the herbs. The herbs came together and said that we will protect you; we will give you life and take care of you. So they became friends in early times and they became the Muscogee people. That is where our names come from and there is a cure for everything. Now that we don't have that many medicine people, a cure is within our sight, perhaps, but because of loss of our language, we don't have to relearn that. I believe that is important because in time to come when I think of modern technology that has brought about destructive devices, when this civilization comes to an end, how are we to survive again without the knowledge of the herbs? There will be no doctors. I've even looked at Ted Koppel's news not too long ago about the possibility of the Nuclear War. If anything happened in San Francisco or New York or wherever, there wouldn't be enough doctors to take care of these people. If this is true, someday when this civilization comes to an end and if part of us remained alive, if part of us survive, how do we start life all over again without the knowledge of these herbs, without knowing how to take care of ourselves, since we have become dependent people. If something ever happened, it would be disasterous to everybody that drifted away from that natural way because almost everyone depends on Safeway stores, supermarkets, for their groceries and vegetables. We have become so dependent it may be better that we die in the nuclear because if we survive, we are not going to survive very long anyway because we do not know how.

> *. . ."when this civilization comes to an end. . .they will say- this used to be Okemah". . .*

I think it is important that we really understand our culture because all civilizations have come to an end at one time or another, history tells us that. Mayan civilization came to an end.

People go down to Central America and look at the walls there, how it was put together; they say that this was the old Aztec temple. This is the old city of the Mayans. The old ruins are there, tourist people go down there, millions of them go down there every year. And, when this civilization come to an end, perhaps, tourist people will come through here and say "this used to be Okemah. This used to be Mason." Nothing prevents a civilization from coming to an end.

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There are many prophecies that was told to our people. All these prophecies have been lost. They have these stories of where they come from and how they are going to end and what's going to happen. All these, many of them, were never recorded. Maybe just a few was recorded. The loss of language was predicted years ago. The neglect of the ceremonial grounds was also told and so all these have been lost in our tribe here.

I think a lot about these things. Sometimes it makes me wonder how many of our people will be destroyed? How many of them will be lost forever? I keep looking around. I keep a thinking and I hope that I'm not the only Indian left because of knowing this. We may look like Indians, we have the color of an Indian, but what are we thinking? What are we doing to our own children who are losing their language, their own ways.

I sometimes think that even within the government, there's an all-out effort to lose Mr. Indian. Even Reagan, his new Federalism or whatever it is, it means cutting off all the funding from the Indian people. There's two new bills in there right now that's going to do that, unless something is done about it. All these programs that are being cut off, it may not effect me that much, but it's going to hurt a lot of my people. But on the other hand, what's our people acting like? What are they doing? Are they still trying to be Indians or are they just benefit Indians, a three-day Indian, a clinic Indian, or BIA school Indian, what kind of Indians are we?

It makes me think about that and sometimes I think that one of these days we are going to find in our mail box, an application to fill out to be an Indian. Are you an Indian? Yes. How do you know? I've got a roll number. Do you speak your language? Probably be a lot of them that will be "NO". Did you go to ceremonies? "NO." Can you sing? "NO." What makes you an Indian?

I wouldn't be a bit surprised if something similar to that happens, that we will have to answer those questions, each and every one of us someday. Because I feel like the precedent was set in Boston not too long ago when the Matchbe Indians went to court over the land claim in Maine and around that New England states. These Indians were claiming half of Maine and when they went to court, just like I've been saying for five or six years, these things came up, the judge directed his questions to the leader of the Matchbe Indians and asked him if they have their language. Matchbe Indians don't have their language. They say they don't, just a few words. Do you have Pow-Wow? Yes, we have Pow-wows. Do you go, he said directing his question at the leader of the Matchbe? Yes, I go. What do you do? I go and watch them have Pow-wow; everytime they go, I'm there. Everything was turned over to the jury. After that, the question come out do white people go there? Yes, they go. What do they do? They observe. Turned over to the jury and the jury rules they (Matchbes) are not American Indians. They have been trying to appeal that case all this time, but I don't know if they're going to gain anything or not. But that's the very thing I've been talking about. It's going to take more than a number to be an Indian. And, those were the questions that come out of this court.

I think that from here on in, we as Muscogee people maybe facing the same thing in the future years. So, it is important that we preserve our language, try to know more and more about our culture. If that man would have said, "I beat on a drum," or "I put on my costume," or "I get out there and sing with them," the jury would have something to think about. But they compared him to the whites and they were not any different so that's how come they are losing.

These people up there in the New England states, many of those tribes are not recognized by the government, because they have lost it. We have some in Louisiana, Cossadi Indians, that are part of our people, too, and they were never recognized by the government. So, I believe that we have something like that in store for us, too. I've always wanted to see some kind of cultural revival among our people here.

Many times when speaking to universities and colleges where there is a lot of Indian students, I let them know there is no failure in life, until you try to be somebody else. Any day you practise something that doesn't belong to us, something happens to us. Many times we become failures. There is nothing wrong with our culture. There is nothing wrong with our tradition, even though there has been efforts made as I said to lose Mr. Indian. I still think that the pride that will come back to a race of people will prove that they once had a perfect life. We are proud people or should be proud people.

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So far, we haven't an Indian city, so far we haven't seen an Indian judge, we don't see a jury, hardly ever see an Indian on a jury. We're very short on Indian lawyers. We're behind, but what's happened to us? Many of us, we have a problem, alcohol, suicide. All this is a problem among nationwide Indians. We, too have it right here in our Muscogee people. What happened to us? How come someone wants to kill himself? Not only a Muscogee person, but anybody. Why does one want to take his own life? Because he is not happy in life. That's why people commit suicide and that's whats happening to our people, too. We have many, many young people who have taken their lives and it still goes on. We're in trouble all the time.

We are the only people that lived without prisons and jailhouses. There is no evidence of them in our history until very late. Not more than 70 years ago, we had our own court system. People were convicted to die and if it was determined that he would die or be shot there in the old courthouse, in the yard there at the tree, we didn't have to stick them in jail. Our people were honest, they are true people. So the judge would allow this man to go home, take care of his business. He would go home, make provision for his family, do everything he could within 30 days, had feast and dinner with relatives and at the end of the 30 days, he came up to the old courthouse there, riding on his horse to be shot and killed in front of that tree, there.

Today our young people are the first chance. They are going to run from the police and if their let free to go somewhere and come back, many don't ever appear, they jump bond, but in the old days, they knew their tradition.

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A

Anderson, Rita - Tulsa, Ok.
Anglen, Barbara - Omaha, Nb.
Antelope, Yvonne - Glenpool, Ok.
Aubrey, Herbert - Sapulpa,OK.

B

Barnett, Timothy - Wetumka, Ok.
Barnett, Tom - Okla. City,Ok.
Barnett, William B. - Weleetka,Ok.
Bascow, Robert R. - Creecoeur, MO.
Bear, Ella Mae - Dallas, Tx.
Beaver, George - Wewoka, Ok.
Beaver, Richard - Lawrence, KS.
Beaver, Sally - Checotah, OK.
Beaver, Ward - Shawnee, OK.
Beckerdites, Peggy W. - CA.
Bemo, Edna - Tulsa, OK.
Benett, Frances - Okla. City, OK.
Bennefield, Brenda - San Diego, CA.
Bennett, Myrtle, W. - Ft. Smith, AR.
Berryhill, Dan - Lawton, OK.
Berryhill, Roley - Wewoka, OK.
Bible, Gene - Glenpool, OK.
Billings, Leah - Eufaula, OK.
Billy, Daniel - Eufaula, OK.
Blackowl, Augustine - Okla. City,OK.
Blackwell, Mary - Houston, TX.
Bourell, Grace& John - Tulsa,OK.
Brammer, Deanna - Weleetka, OK.
Branch, Doris - Broken Bow, OK.
Brandon, Jeri - Renton, WA.
Brant Vickie Jo - Coffeyville,KS.
Brewer,Chuffie - Eufaula, OK.
Bunny, Clarence - Tulsa, OK.
Burgess, Raymond L. - Utica, MI.

C

Camp, Jim - Houston, TX.
Cargil, Pam - Sapulpa, OK.
Carr, Lenaule D. - Trona, CA.
Carson, Nakina - Seminole, TX.
Caruso, Regina - Wewoka, OK.
Cattani, Anna P. - Bakersfield, CA.
Checotah, Ben - Macon, GA.
Childers, Dan - Tulsa, OK.
Cowan, Alice - Bixby, OK.
Clark, Bessie M. - Port Hueneme, CA.
Coffin, Lolita - Lawrence, KS.
Coker, Thomas E. Jr. - Tulsa, OK.
Collins, Wendell - Los Angeles, CA.
Colvin, Gerald F. - Chattanoga, TN.
Cooke, Robin - Ada, OK.
Cornell, Albert D. - Torrance, CA.
Creek, Irene - P.O. Sapulpa, OK.
Crofton, Lillie A. - Middleton, PA.

D

Daney, Debra - Coweta,OK.
Davis, Hugh N. - Bedford, TX.
Davis, Ray, Allen & Jimmy - AR.
Delaune, Georgeann - Anadarko, OK.
Detuiler, Geneva - Ada, OK.
Dobbins, Michael R. - Broken Arrow,
Dobbs, Stella - Las Vegas, NV.

E

Eades, Naomi - Tulsa, OK.
East, Patricia - Muskogee, OK.
Egan, Syl - Mission Viejo, CA.

F

Factor, Nellie - Holdenville, OK.
Farve, Kathryn - Ardmore, OK.
Fisher, Eli - Weleetka,OK.
Fleetwood, Charles - Haskell, OK.
Frank, Francine C. - Beale AFB. CA.
Frazier, Abe - Muskogee, OK.
Freeman, Eugene - Broken Arrow,OK.
Freeman, William - Atoka, OK.
Fish, James - Council Hill, OK.
Fish, Ray - Ada, OK.
Fish, Winey Mae - Los Angeles, CA.
Fixico, Etta - Warner, OK.

G

Garrett, Eula Velma - Modesto,CA.
George, Eliza - Holdenville, OK.
George, Nora D. - Wichita, KS.
Geren, Johnny A. - Tulsa, OK.
Gibbons, Gail - Coweta, OK.
Gile, Carolyn - Tulsa,OK.
Goat, John - Wewoka, OK.
Gourf, Betty - Davis, OK.
Gray, Moses - Tulsa, OK.
Greer, Deborah - Tulsa, OK.
Gutierrez, Clark - Bristow, OK.
Gutierrez, Ernie - Tulsa, OK.

H

Hagan, Bobbie - Spring Vly, MN.
Haikey, Cindy L. - Morton, IL.
Hannah, Bruce - Roseville, CA.
Harjo, Edward L. - Wewoka, OK.
Harjo, Henry - Santa Ana, CA.
Harjochee, Tilda S. - Okla. City
Harley, Alfred - Tulsa, OK.
Harrison, Bobbye - Omaha,NB.
Harvey, Sonja - Tulsa, OK.
Hamon, Shona R. - Eureka Sprgs, AR.
Hatley, Terry - Eufaula, OK.
Hawkins, Patricia - Whitesboro, TX.
Hayes, Joann - Dallas, TX.
Henneha, Charles - Wewoka, OK.
Hill, Floyd - Shawnee, OK.
Hill, Siah Sr. - Eufaula, OK.
Hollaway, Robert D. - San Fran, CA.
Howell, Ed - Moore, OK.
Howell, Gerald B. - Stockton, CA.
Hughes, Amber - Wichita, KS.
Hurst, Tracy - Midway, TX.

I

Isbell, Wilda K. - Ticard, OR.

J

Jackson, Kenneth - Okemah,OK.
Jacobs, Willie - Shawnee,OK.
James, Steven E. - Hanover, N.H.
Jefferson, Cornelius - Indp, KS.
Jeter, Larry - Casper, WY.
Johnson, Burris - Tucson, AZ.
Johnson, Dianna L. - Orland, CA.
Jones, Jolly J. - Westmins. CA.
Jones, Kathryn J. - Vallejo, CA.
Jones, Marjorie - Los Ang. CA.
Jones, Timothy - Eufaula, OK.
Justice, Leahna - Tahlequah,OK.

K

Killingsworth, Raiford - Eufaula,OK.
King, Louis - Wetumka, OK.
Kingfisher, Beulah - Tahlequah,OK.

L

Lackey, Juanita - Willis Pt. TX.
Langston, Arthemis - Alaska
Lester, Evelyn V. - Fontana, CA.
Lena, Benjamin - Muskogee, OK.
Lewis, Jesse - Albuqur. N.M.
Lewis, Morris M. - Ft. Polk, LA.
Lewis, Salina - Bristow, OK.
Long, Larry - Sprg. Valley, CA.
Lover, Lee E. - Ontario, CA.

Mc

McCoser, James - Tulsa, OK.
McIntosh, Chillie - Eufaula, OK.
McIntosh, Maude - Eufaula, OK.
McIntosh, Neoma - Eufaula, OK.

M

Macahey, Leo - Long Beach, CA.
Magee, Burl D. - Manhattan, KS.
Marshall, George - Alameda, CA.
Marshall, Ida - Eufaula, OK.
Martin, John - Depew, OK.
Martin, Yannah - Holdenville,OK.
Meitler, Jacquie L. - Hays, KS.
Miller, John J. - Tulsa, OK.
Mitchell, Jennifer - Alamog. NM.
Mitchell, Selanie - Eufaula,OK.
Morrow, Larry - Del City, OK.
Murray, Kathy S. - Taos, N.M.
Murphy, Wilkie - Freeburg, IL.

N

Nathaniel Burden M. Jr. - CA.
Nelson, Lydia - Checotah, OK.
Notah, Anthony - Las Vegas, N.M.

O

O'Hadi, Hamadani - Wichita, KS.
Oviatt, Janie B. - Reedsport, OR.
Owen, Katherine N. - Houston, TX.
Owens, Dan F. - Hutchinson, KS.

P

Patterson, Linda - Okmulgee, Ok.
Pern, Raylene - Wichita, KS.
Phillips, Anna - Checotah, OK.
Pigeon, John - Broken Arr. OK.
Polk, Siah - Eufaula, OK.
Primeaux, Lena - Eufaula, OK.
Prince, Jerry - Miami, OK.
Pulaski, Gerri - Ponca City, OK.
Purdin, Loretta - Muskogee, OK.
Putman, Kimberly A. - Bakersfld. CA.

Q

Quinton, Regina - Dewar, OK.

R

Rasheed, Billy Jean - Wichita, KS.
Reed, Lola - Sapulpa, OK.
Reese, Jesse Jr. - Tulsa, OK.
Rhoan, Iona - Fresno, CA.
Rose, Dayton Jr. - Midwest Cty.,OK.
Rowe, Ruth L. - Sacramento, CA.

S

Sanders, Benito R. - Sacramento,CA.
Scott, Daniel - Eufaula, OK.
Shillings, Wynona - Norman, OK.
Simmons, Pamela G. - Okemah, OK.
Smith, Elsie M. - Five Points, CA.
Smith, Jerome - San Fran., CA.
Smith, Johnnie - Wichita Fls, TX.
Smith, Joseph - Eufaula, OK.
Smith, William - Broken Arr, OK.
Stanton, Morton - Pampa, TX.
Starkey, Joyce K - Eufaula, OK.
Stephens, Robert C. - Charlotte, N.C.
Stotts, Georgia L. - Vian, OK.
Strobe, Steven - Eufaula, OK.

T

Tate, Eunice F. - Cypress, TX.
Taylor, Myron - Broken Arrow, OK.
Taylor, Tim R. - Coronado, CA.
Tiger, Eunah - Sapulpa, OK.
Tiger, Richard D. - San Diego, CA.
Tobler, Brian K. - Eloy, AZ.
Tolle, Sharon - Fairbanks, AS.
Tom Kathleen - Tulsa, Ok.
Trimble, Barbara - Appleton, WI.
Tucker, Jill - Weatherford, OK.

V

Vance, Cleo - Redlands, CA.
Van Winkle, Varene - Tulsa, OK.
Veach, Helen K. - Canyon Lk., TX.

W

Walker, Amelia B. - Tulsa, OK.
Walker, Eli - Sapulpa, OK.
Watashe, Barney & Cleo - Sapulpa,OK
Watashe, Joe - Tulsa, OK.
Watson, Deloris - Eufaula, OK.
Whitebear, Rick - Univers. Pk., PA.
Williams, Bobby - Eufaula, OK.
Williams, Rachael A. - Wewoka, OK.
Williams, Sophia - San Diego, CA.
Willie, Wilson - Skiatook, OK.
Willis, Kinihia J. - Farmerville, CA.
Wind, Allen - Shawnee, OK.
Wright, Richard A. - La Porte, TX.

Y

Young, William B. - Santa Maria, CA.

Harjo Receives DHHS 30 Year Pin

Joseph Harjo of Weleetka was awarded a certificate and 30-year pin by the Department of Health and Human Services in recognition of the completion of 30 years of service as an employee of the government of the United States. Ed Kreuger, administrator of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility made the presentation in a special recognition period in the main conference room at Ada.

Harjo, a full-blood Creek Indian and a graduate of Pharoah High School, volunteered for the U.S. Navy during World War II and saw service aboard four navy ships, the USS Cahaba, a fleet tanker, and the USS Monson, USS Charett and USS Charles J. Badger (destroyers).

On Eniwetok Island in the Marshall Islands, he was assigned to the USS Cahaba, a highly inflamable ship which carried crude oil and high octane aviation gasoline besides having its own depth charges and guns and ammunition. They served in the South Pacific refueling ships. During battles they refueled the ships for days and nights, often non-stop. Not only were the Japanese dropping bombs, but there was also the danger of submarines and mine fields.

His ship was 150 miles off the coast of Japan when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, and 50 miles off the coast when Japan surrendered.

"I have enjoyed all of my assignments and duty stations," Harjo said. "My greatest joys were going across the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans visiting other countries and working with and among different Indian races and nationalities." Another thrill for him was to see the Statue of Liberty and to go atop the Empire State Building and see the sights of New York City.

Harjo's military medals include the US Navy Occupation Medal China Service, the US Army Occupation Medal Germany, Philippine Liberation Medal, several Bronze Stars, and Good Conduct Medal as well as several other medals and ribbons.

As a federal employee Harjo worked at the post office in Oklahoma City, Tinker Air Force Base in Midwest City, Federal Aviation Agency, Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver, Colo., Ft.Sill Indian School at Lawton, Sequoyah Indian High School at Lawton, Sequoyah Indian High School at Tahlequah, Offie of Environmental Health, Indian Health Service at Okmulgee and Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and Hospital in Ada.

He received his 10-year pin from the Dept. of Air Force while at Tinker, and his 20-year pin from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Dept. of Interior while working at Sequoyah Indian High School.

Before enlisting in the Navy Harjo was attending Oklahoma Baptist University majoring in the Bible. He also attended Haskell Institute studying radio and communication. In Frankfurt, Germany he studied postal law and regulations, domestic and foreign mail, and received a diploma from the Air University, Gunter Air Force Base, Alabama in data processing and programming career.

In 1950 during the Korean Conflict, Harjo volunteered for the U.S. Army. He went to Germany as a postal specialist in the Adjutant General Corps and was assigned to the town of Hersfeld and in the Kassel area in north central West Germany. While there he visited most of the large cities and villages in West Germany as well as going to the top of Germany's highest mountain "Zugspitze." He also traveled to most of the other countries in Europe.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 8, 1985

Invocation: Jonas Dunson
Call to Order: Carney Roberts, Speaker, National Council
Administering the Oath of Office: Speaker Carney Roberts, administered the oath of office to the newly elected Hughes/Seminole Representative Johnson W. Buck.
Roll Call: Twelve representatives were present and three were absent those absent were: Cleghorn, Hardridge and Bible, a quorum was declared with twelve present. It was declared that any and all business transacted during this session would be valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.
Order of Business:

The Chair entertained a motion to amend the agenda by moving Bill 8C to the top of the Agenda, in consideration of the Representatives that were in attendance from the Cherokee Nation. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunson to move the Bill to the top of the agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

8C A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing and consenting to the contracting of the Sequoyah High School by the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. The Cherokee Nation of Indians of Oklahoma has requested a supporting and consenting Ordinance from the Muscogee Nation regarding its proposal to contract the Sequoyah Indian Boarding School. B. The Muscogee Nation supports within their treaty boundaries that perform services benefiting more than one tribe from the other tribes of the Five Civilized Tribes according to 25 CFR 271.18 (a). **Section 102.** The Muscogee Nation hereby takes the official position that a "supporting and consent" ordinance is not required by the circumstances of this contract, yet will adopt and Ordinance as a courtesy to the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. **Section 103.** The Muscogee Nation supports and consents to Cherokee Nation of Indians of Oklahoma in their operation of the Sequoyah Indian Boarding School, according to the following terms and conditions of this Ordinance. A. The Cherokee Nation of Indians shall operate this program. B. The proposed date for contract commencement is any date following the approval of this ordinance. C. The following authorities are hereby delegated to the Cherokee Nation of Indians. 1. The Cherokee Nation may have access to any records required for operation of the contract which otherwise would have to be requested through the Muscogee Nation. 2. The Cherokee Nation may, without further consent by the Muscogee Nation, recontract the programs, request to revise or amend the contract, request contract retrocession, appeal, or request waivers of contracting regulations, so long as such procedures relate solely to the operation of the Sequoyah Boarding School. D. The authorities of this Ordinance shall expire upon repeal revocation by the Muscogee Nation Tribal Government. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a discussion. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Stacy to approve the Bill (8C) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and was recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

8A A Bill approving the 1985 Revenue Sharing Budget. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Revenue Sharing Budget for Fiscal Year 1985 is hereby authorized and appropriated to be expended as follows: A. National Council, $9,000.; B. Creek Nation Riding Club, 1,000.; C. Mound Exterior Repairs, 100,000.; D. Health Care (Medication & Equipment) 30,000.; Total Budget $140,000. **Section 102.** Total appropriations in this Ordinance may not be modified or changed except by Ordinance. **Section 103.** Appropriations are effecitve August 1, 1985, to September 30, 1985. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained discussion.

Business and Government Services Chairman, Eliza Hicks, advised that this Bill had been discussed in Committee and it was the request of the Committee to have a written estimate of the cost of those repairs but had not received them as of this date, and it was their recommendation of a "DO NOT PASS." **THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION.** A motion was made by Delbert Dunn and seconded by Bill Burden to return this BILL to Committee for further study or until the requested information could be received. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, Four against, one abstention.
Motion carried. The Bill (8A) was recorded to be returned to Committee.
8B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation "Confirming the National Council's Decision": "Declaring the June 29, 1985, Second Chief Run-Off Election to be Invalid and Call for a New Special Election to be conducted for The Same Two Candidates." The Bill was read and considered as follows:
Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that several violations of the Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-82, "Establishing Regular and Special Election Laws," have occurred in Section 730, 808, 1010, 1013, and 1014, which confuses the legitimacy of said Election. The authority was properly delegated, by Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-82, Section 819, to legislate and take proper action on behalf of the Muscogee Nation.
Section 102. This Ordinance shall be cited as "Confirming the National Council's Decision in "Declaring the June 29, 1985 Second Chief Run-Off Election to be Invalid."
Section 103. The June 29, 1985 Second Chief Run-Off election is Invalid and Void.
Section 104. The Election Board is hereby authorized and directed to conduct said new "Special Election," in accordance with the Election Laws established in NCA 81-82, Article IX, "Special Elections" - Vacancies in Elected Offices.
Section 105. The Principal Chief is directed to expend funds from appropriate Budget and Line Item to conduct a new "Special Election." The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Leah Stacy and seconded by Bill Burden to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, one against, no abstentions. Motion carried. The Bill (8B) was approved as read and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.
Upon request of the Principal Chief (8D) A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE FILING OF A LAWSUIT AND TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL ATTORNEY CONTRACT was introduced to the National Council for placement on the Agenda for Consideration.
The Chair Entertained a Motion to Place This Bill On The Agenda For Consideration. A motion was made by Delbert Dunn and seconded by Bill Burden to add Bill 8D to the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results as being: Twelve in favor, none against, no abstentions.
Motion carried. Bill (8D) was placed on the Agenda for Consideration. The bill was read and considered as follows:
Section 101. Findings. Whereas, the Interior Board of Indian Appeals has rendered decision adverse to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; and Whereas, the issue of whether the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has any general civil and criminal jurisdiction is important to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and needs to be settled by federal court.
Section 102. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby authorizes a lawsuit to be filed in the District Court, for Washington, D.C.

Section 103. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to make an attorney contract with Geoffery Standing Bear according to the attached contract. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jonas Dunson and seconded by Cloud to approve the Bill (8D) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 8D was approved and recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.
Other Business:
A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Stacy to rescind the previous motion of returning the Bill (8A) approving the Revenue Sharing Budget, to Committee; an take into consideration a revised version of the Bill. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and Bill 8A was placed on the Agenda under Other Business and read and revised and considered as follows: The Revised Version of Bill (8A). **Section 102.** The Revenue Sharing Budget for Fiscal Year 1985 is hereby authorized and appropriated to be expended as follows: A. National Council - $9,000.; B. Creek Nation Riding Club - $1,000.; C. Mound Exterior Repairs - $100,000.; D. Health Care (Medication & Equipment) - $30,000. Total Budget - $141,000. **Section 102.** Total appropriations in Section 101, Line Item "A", "B", and "D" shall be expended as budget upon approval of this Ordinance, and Line item "C" shall be placed in reserve in the amount of $100,000 for "Mound Exterior Repairs" and shall not be expended except by approval of a Tribal Ordinance authorizing its expenditure. **Section 103.** The appropriations in line items "A", "B" and "D" may not be modified or changed except by Ordinance. **Section 104.** Appropriations are effective August 1, 1985 to September 30, 1986. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Hicks to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried and was recorded as such.
Adjournment: A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Dunson to adjourn and by unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.
Benediction: Chupco.

SPECIAL MEETING AUGUST 15, 1985

Call to Order: Carney Roberts
Roll Call: Carney Roberts, A quorum was called with fourteen members present, two absent being; Bible and Cloud.
Orders of Business:
8E A Bill amending NCA 85-35 which provides authorization for Tribal contracts to provide services and programs for Fiscal Year 1986. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 102. Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-35 as amended is hereby further amended as follows: Section 153 A (Retain existing language) and add: 3. Department of Education (a) Vocational Training. The Bill having been read the chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Burden to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 8E was approved and recorded as such.
Items for Consideration:
None.
Other Business:

A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Thomas to add Bill 8F "A Tribal Resolution" to the agenda for Consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bill 8F was added to the agenda for consideration, and was read and considered as follows: 8F A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 101.** Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation recognizes the rights of its citizens as provided by the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Constitution of the United States of America, and Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation encourages its citizens to assume

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School Clothes Program Accepting Applications

Effective November 1, 1985, the Creek Nation Social Services was allocated tribal funds to process school clothing applications for Creek children.

To be eligible, the child must have a Citizenship Card, be in grades 1-12, and be enrolled and attending school. For those residing outside the Creek Nation boundaries, mail in your verifications to: Creek Nation Social Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

The following schedule for accepting school clothes applications has been established as follows:

Nov. 5, McIntosh Co.-Eufaula Dorm-9:00-12:00; Nov. 6, Tulsa Co.-Native American Coalition-9:00-12:00; Nov.6, Creek Co.-Sapulpa Indian Clinic-1 p.m.; Nov.7-Hughes Co. Community Action Bldg.-10:00; Nov. 12, Muskogee Co.-Muskogee Federal Bldg.-Rm 113, 9:00-12; Nov. 12, Wagoner Co.-Coweta Community Center-1:00-4:00; Nov. 14, Okfuskee Co., behind Okemah Hospital, Mobile Bldg.-10:00-2:00; Nov. 15-Okmulgee Co.-Okmulgee Community Center-9:00-12:00.

Former B.I.A. Official Cleared of Allegations

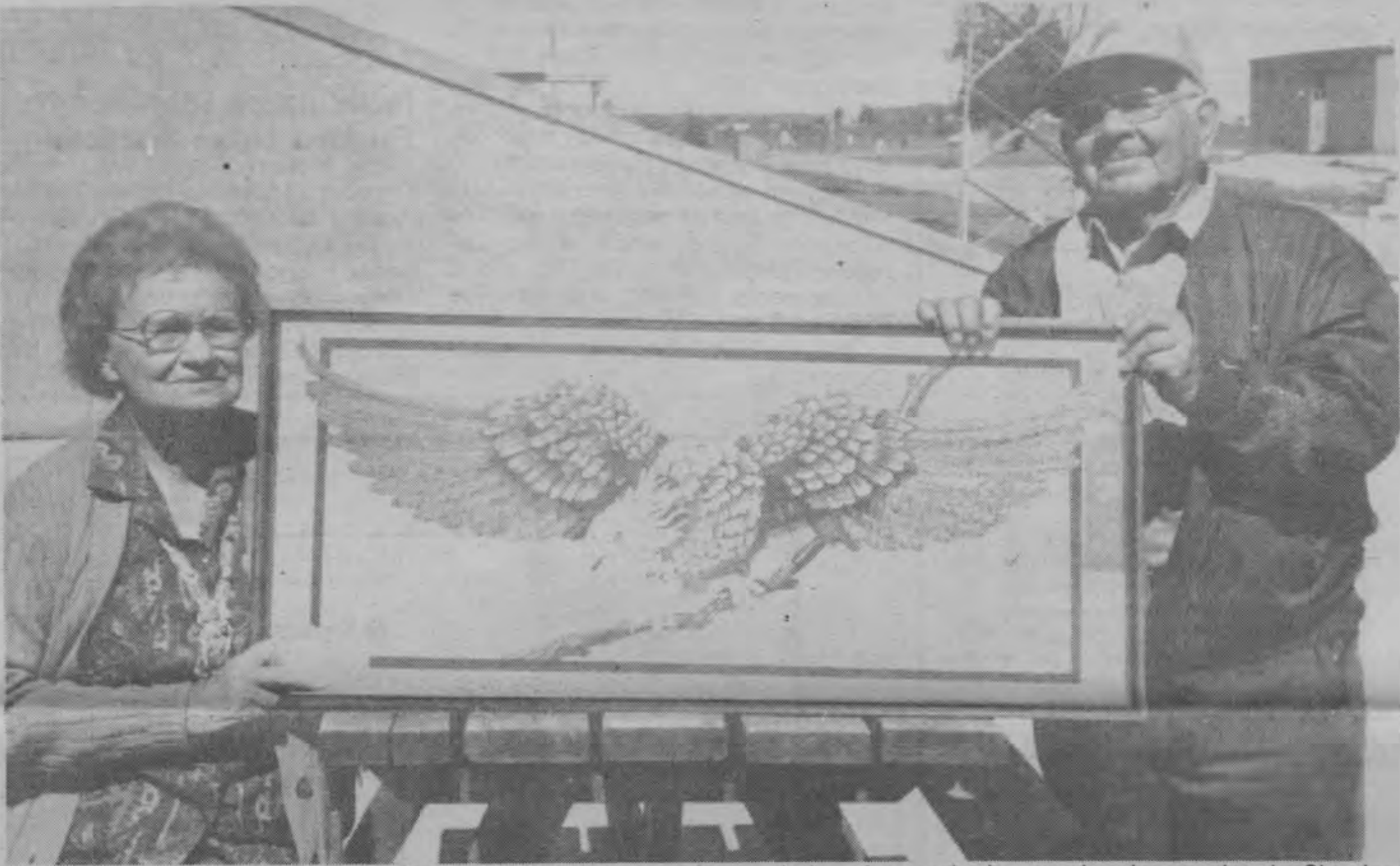
According to a report in the Navajo Times Today, August 26 an investigation by the Inspector General's office of the Interior Department found no support for charges that John Fritz, Interior's deputy assistant secretary for Indian affairs, and Lynn Engles, director of the Administration for Native Americans in the Department of Health and Human services, improperly pressured tribal leaders to support their efforts to be appointed to the vacant assistant secretary position in Interior.

The story, by Mark Trahant, said the Ken Smith's resignation from that position initiated a small war among Indian officials in Washington ambitious to move up into the $72,000 per year position. The IG's investigation was triggered by a December, 1984 letter from Dr. Frank Ryan, former executive director of the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies (PCIRE), to Interior Secretary Clark's assistant, Richard Morris.

According to the Trahant story Ryan's letter "alleged that Mr. Fritz and Mr. Engles had threatened tribal leaders with defunding unless they supported either Mr. Fritz or Mr. Engles for the assistant secretary post. " The letter was referred to the Inspector General's office and investigation begun.

Trahant requested and received copies of the investigation report and related documents under a Freedom of Information Act request. Trahant said the IG interviewed more than 25 tribal leaders. Ross Swimmer, principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, said he had been asked to support Fritz.

The IG's report, the Trahant story said, indicated that all the allegations "were second-hand, generated from the PCIRE office, and none were corroborated by tribal officials."



FIRST PLACE PRIZE WINNER CORA DEERISAW displays an Artex painting of an eagle that won her the award at the Okmulgee County Fair. Mrs. Deerisaw related many hours were put into the work and that she had never won such an award before. She gave the painting to her husband Roosevelt. Mrs. Deerisaw is the Chairman of Okmulgee Indian Community and works with the community's Arts and Craft Projects, as well as with the Senior Citizens.

CN Bill Introduced To Abolish Absentee Voting

A Bill, regarding establishment of regular and special election laws, was introduced into the Muscogee National Council, September 28, 1985, by the Business and Government Services Committee, chaired by Eliza Hicks and comprised of members Leah Stacy, Jonas Dunson and Clarence Cloud.

Previous bills to abolish absentee votes were introduced for consideration by the members of the National Council by Bill Burden, Joe Fox and Delbert Dunn. Although these Bills were passed by committee, they were tabled by the entire Council for consideration at a later time. Portions of these Bills were incorporated into the September 28 legislation, against the advise of the CN Election Board.

Juliene Stone, Secretary of the Creek Nation Election Board, commented on the Bill: "It is our feeling that the National Council is becoming too involved in the workings of the Election Board without fully understanding the rules and regulations that govern election procedures. The Constitution clearly defines the Election Board as an independent agency, and the National Council is trying to take the Board over as if it were under their control. Through these tactics to control us - they are not working in the best interest of the Creek people, but rather creating hardships for them," Stone further explained these hardships - "In the proposed bill, hardships will be created for the handicapped and elderly voter. Because the Council wants all absentee ballots notarized, the handicapped and elderly will suffer, because they can't afford a notary nor can they afford to have one come to their home, because they aren't able to get out."

"Also in the absentee voting, they are trying to deny any voter outside the Creek Nation their right to vote by proposing that the only way they can vote is to travel to a precinct within the Creek Nation to cast their ballot. That is against the Constitution."

Addressing other parts of the bill, Stone continued, "They also are trying to dictate to the Board on what precincts we can and cannot have. We have closed three precincts because of the small percentage of voters, but those people in the affected precincts are not being asked to travel any greater distances than many of the other voters in the other precincts."

Referencing the portion of the bill having to do with Candidate Contributions, Stone said, "In this part of the bill on candidate contributions from non-Creeks, corporations, partnerships, foundations or public agencies being prohibited, we feel that this is unfair for the candidates - leaving them open for indirect violations and fines." Stone added that although the filing of a contribution report by candidates, is a good action, "there should not be such restrictions placed on it."

Stone emphasized, "The goal of the Election Board is to try and get everyone eligible, to register and vote and we try to treat everyone equally and fairly."

Muscogee (Creek) National Council Election Set Saturday, October 26!

Gospel Singing

Everybody is welcome to the Gospel Singing that will be held at the following places; October 19, Oakhurst Indian Baptist Church, Oakhurst, OK. M.C. Robert Jones, Muscogee Sounds; October 26, Trenton Indian Baptist Church, Hanna, OK, 3½ miles west of Hanna. M.C. Robert Jones, Muscogee Sounds; November 16, Seminole Hichite Methodist Church, Seminole, OK. Robert Jones, M.C. Muscogee Sounds. All musicians, singers, listeners and whosoever will come are welcome to take part in the singing.

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OKFUSKEE INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

The Okfuskee Indian Community has their monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 - 9 p.m.

We want to thank everyone that comes and participates in our community fund raising. we also organized an archery club. We have archery shooting on the last Saturday of each month for our community fund raising.

Also we have one on Friday night for our club fund. If anyone is interested in archery shooting they are welcome to come and join us. It is located at Joe Hicks' residence two miles east of IXL on highway 48, ½ mile south. Follow the signs.

The community members wishes everyone a Happy Birthday for those who have birthdays in September.

Also, we would like to congratulate Rita Hicks on her new baby girl. She was born September 5 at the Carl Albert Hospital in Ada. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hicks of Castle, Ok.

The next meeting will be held October 8.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!

It's A Boy!

Dale and Linda Watkins of Kellyville are proud to announce the birth of their son, Nicholas Dean Watkins. He was born September 14, at Claremore Indian Hospital. His weight at birth was 10 pounds and 12 ounces, and he measured 21¼ inches long. He has two brothers, Steven and Scotty.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Shawney Hardridge of Kellyville. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Watkins of Anderson, South Carolina, and Mr. and Mrs. William Threlkeld of Atlanta, Georgia.

Honor Dance Scheduled For Miss Indian Oklahoma

An Honor Dance will be held October 12 for Miss Indian Oklahoma, Audrey Barnett, and the Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma, Karen Ahhaitty. The dance is sponsored by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women at the Native American Center, 2900 S. Harvey in Oklahoma City. The evening meal will begin at 5:00.

CN Voting Locations

OKMULGEE DISTRICT-Okmulgee-Creek Complex, Highway 75 and Loop 56. **Henryetta**-Dewar Indian Community Center, Dewar, Luella and 4th Street.

HUGHES DISTRICT-Holdenville- Indian Community Center, 416 E. Poplar. **Wetumka**-Wetumka Indian Community Center on Thomas Yahola Circle.

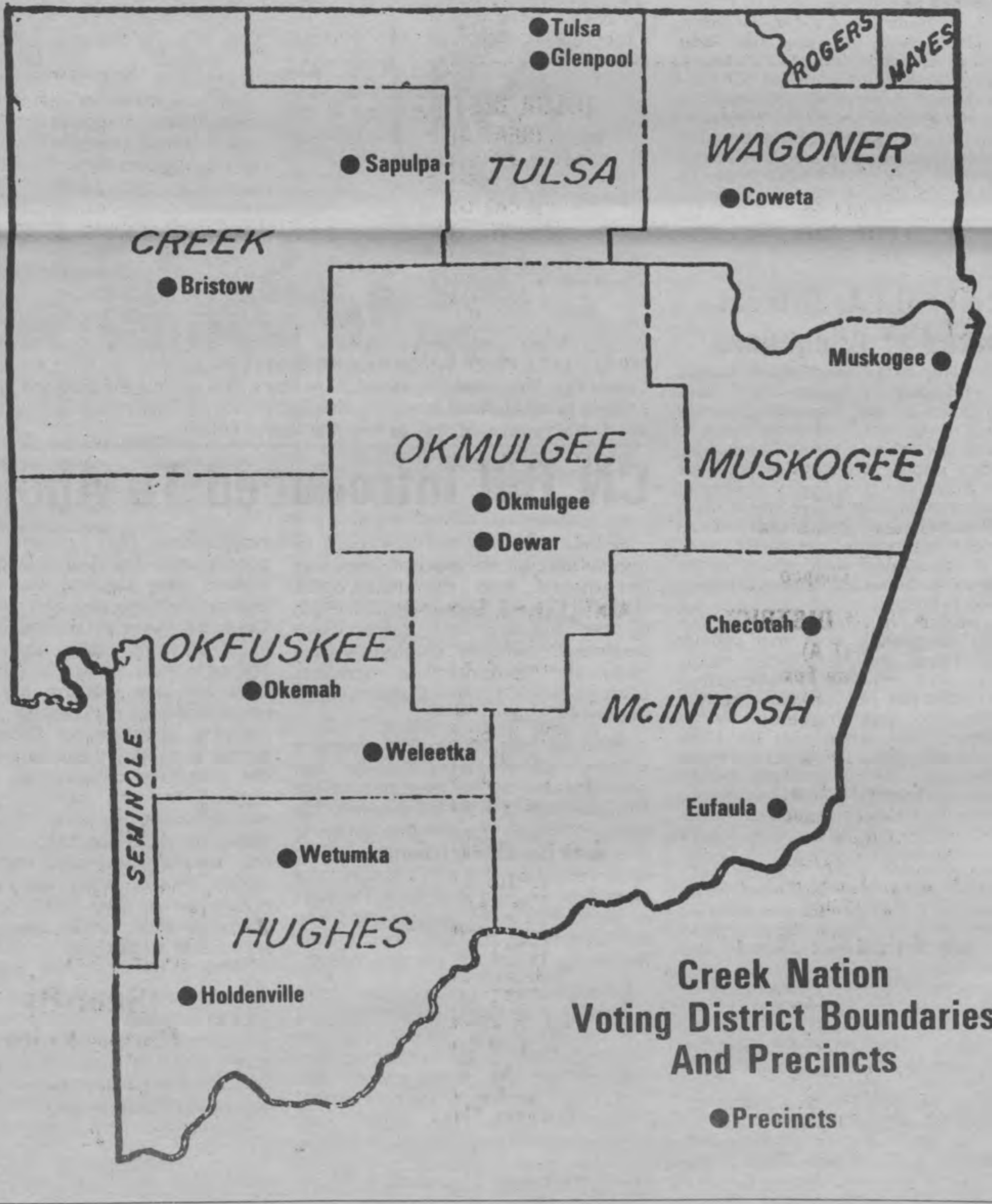
CREEK DISTRICT- Bristow-Bristow Indian Community Center, 121 W. Lincoln. **Sapulpa**-CN Headstart, 520 S. Adams.

TULSA DISTRICT-Tulsa-Tulsa Indian Youth Center, 716 S. Troost. **Glenpool**-Glenpool Community Trailer, across street from Grade School.

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT- Okemah, Creek Nation Day Care. **Weleetka**-Indian Community Center, 602 S. Chicksaw.

McINTOSH DISTRICT- Eufaula-Old Manpower Bldg., 7024 Forrest. **Checotah**-Creek Nation Day Care, 800 S.W. 6th.

The Muskogee and Wagoner Districts will not need to vote in this election due to both candidates in each district being unopposed.



Creek Nation Voting District Boundaries And Precincts

●Precincts

National Council Candidates. . .

Okmulgee District

(Seat A)

Eliza Freeman Hicks

Eliza Freeman Hicks

Eliza Mae Freeman Hicks, 7/8 Creek, born at Eram, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, May 30, 1926, to John Freeman, Jr., and Ethel Harjo, who were native Okmulgee countians, married to Houston Hicks, mother of six children, and reside in rural Henryetta.

Two years ago, my platform was to be instrumental in providing relief to the elderly and to the ill. With the concerned efforts of the entire Creek National Council some of those goals have been achieved. Much is needed, yet, in the area of medical services for our people and I will not hesitate to promote and give my vote toward obtaining such programs.

Now that our world is more computerized and mechanized, I feel that more of our tribal monies could be channeled into formal and manual training Programs in which our Creek people can participate and which would prepare them for competitive employment. We also need to develop job opportunities for more Creek citizens so that they may become more self-supporting and less dependent on tribal welfare.

Since January, 1984, I have served on the Creek National Council and have tried to conscientiously vote for passage of bills which I thought would most benefit the Creek people. I feel honored to have recently been appointed to the Creek Indian Memorial Association Board of Trustees.

Your vote and support in returning me to seat "A" of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council will be sincerely appreciated. Let's all help make Creek Nation bigger and better by uniting in purpose.

(signed) **Eliza M. Hicks**

OKMULGEE DISTRICT
(SEAT A)
Eliza Hicks
Richard Larney
(SEAT B)
Leah Stacy
Alfred Berryhill
Cogee Kieth
(SEAT C)
Loretta Pat Kelly
Anthony W. Hale
(SEAT D)
Robert Hardridge
(SEAT E)
Barton Williams

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT
(SEAT A)
Harley Gene Little
(SEAT B)
Helen Chupco

McINTOSH DISTRICT
(SEAT A)
Billy Joe Fox
(SEAT B)
Frank Kamp
Jim Bittle
(SEAT C)
Sandy McIntosh
Dorcus Tiger
(SEAT D)
Daniel Barnett
Newman Thompson, Jr.
Dan Childers

HUGHES DISTRICT
(SEAT A)
Johnson Buck
(SEAT B)
Jonas Dunson
Pdero Johnson
(SEAT C)
Robert Eugene Buck

TULSA DISTRICT
(SEAT A)
Thomas Killingsworth
Jerry Wilson
(SEAT B)
John W. Tiger
Irene Jacobs Cleghorn
(SEAT C)
Larry Bible
(Seat D)
Kenneth Childers
David Wilde
(SEAT E)
Patricia A. Clark
Morris O'Hern

WAGONER DISTRICT
(SEAT A)
Alexander Thomas
(SEAT B)
Thurston Primeaux

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT
(SEAT A)
Carny Roberts
(SEAT B)
Dorothy V. Miller
Billie J. Burden
(SEAT C)
Clyde Johnson
Dorothy Burden

CREEK DISTRICT
(SEAT A)
Roy Bear
Duke Harjo
(SEAT B)
Delbert Dunn
(SEAT C)
Earl W. Wheeler
Ellis Haikey
(SEAT D)
Betty Foster
Clarence Cloud

Richard Larney

Richard Larney

I am a candidate for Seat A, Okmulgee District Representative to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. I have served on the Council previously, and since that time have been serving on the Creek Nation Housing Authority Commission. Therefore, I have been in constant contact with tribal affairs for many years.

I am offering dedicated and experienced service to the Okmulgee District. With 23 members to be seated, this is no time for petty and selfish attitudes to be displayed by council members. It is time for a more competent and business approach to our tribal affairs.

I am retired from 27 years police work. Fourteen years as Henryetta Police Chief. Pettiness has no part in my life! When I tell you I will work on a specific project, I intend to carry out that promise.

Too many promises have been made by candidates and never initiated when they are once elected. Check back on my opponent's campaign promises two years ago. Has she introduced legislation to carry out her promises? In fact, she has never introduced legislation on her own to the Council.

I will accomplish successful service to all the citizens of Okmulgee District because I know how to negotiate in a business way with the other council members, the administration and the Creek people.

We are living in a highly technical world and our Creek Nation Council Members must be progressive enough to keep up with the times to better serve the Creek Nation. Let's go forward...Not backward! I appreciate your vote on election day!

(signed) **Richard Larney**

(Seat B)

Cogee Keith

I am the daughter of Chief Claude Cox and the late Louise Freeman Cox. I realize my relationship to the Chief will be a controversial issue. Two years ago, expressed a desire to file for Okmulgee District Representative, but was discouraged by the Chief. Again, I approached him about my concern and interest in being a candidate for Council Representative and he did not encourage me to pursue my decision. My decision was based on my personal concern for the Creek people in the Okmulgee District to have representation as an entire District and not piecemeal. Okmulgee District will be my first priority in relating information concerning action of the National Council.

Cogee Keith

I will support economic development programs which will benefit our Creek people, as my interest lies in what is best for all Creeks.

I stand for truthfulness, honesty and genuine concern for the needs within our tribe. Working for tribal government unity. Open communication with the Creek people in the Okmulgee District. If you elect me to represent you at the National Council, I will make every endeavor to represent you to the best of my ability.

I was born and raised in Okmulgee county. Graduated from Okmulgee High School and attended Draughons Business School. I am currently employed with the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission; with fifteen years of service. I am the assistant manager of the Okmulgee local office. My prior employment record; four years as the Okmulgee Tag Agent and fours years with The Citizen's National Bank of Okmulgee. My twenty three years of employment have been in the service of the public. I served on the Creek Nation CETA Council during its inception. I am active in various community organization of which I have held various offices.

I am married and have three children and five grandchildren. My husband, Walter is an employee of the Ball Corp.

I would appreciate your vote on October 26 for Okmulgee District Representative, Seat B.

(signed)**Cogee L. Keith**

Leah J. Stacy

I am seeking a second term as District Representative to the National Council for Okmulgee District (Seat B). The tribe is at a critical stage at this time. Great strides have been made by the tribe in the way of self-government through Federal and State funding. However, these funds are

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Leah J. Stacy

reducing annually and it is important for the future welfare of programs for the Creek people that the elected officials look for enterprises in order for the tribe to become more economically independent. For the present and future needs of our people in the areas of Education, Health, Employment and Welfare; concerned leadership is primary for the continuation of these programs and the development of new programs.

If given the opportunity to serve again as your representative I will do my best to eliminate wasteful spending and to strengthen the base and foundation of the Creek Nation. I ask for all Okmulgee District voters to exercise this right and am asking you to vote for me on October 26th. I appreciate your support and will continue to put the Creek people's need as a first priority.

(signed) **Leah J. Stacy**

Alfred Berryhill

Alfred Berryhill

I, Alfred Berryhill am a servant to the people of the "Creek" Nation. As your representative, I will do my utmost to achieve what is most beneficial to our tribe.

My qualifications are: Oklahoma Director American Indian Chamber of Commerce, Business - Haskell Institute, Lawrence,Ks., Washington D.C., three years. Oklahoma State University, and Northeastern State University.

(signed) **Alfred Berryhill**

(Seat C)

Anthony Hale

I am 1/2 Creek and have been a resident of Okmulgee for thirteen years. I was born December 30, 1959. I am married to Debbie (Lunsford) Hale, also Creek; we have two sons, Tony, Jr., 7 and Mark, 4.

Anthony "Tony" Hale

In 1978, I graduated from Okmulgee High School as a member of the Honor Society. I served as president of the Indian Club of OHS for two years, and received several awards for photographic and woodworking projects. I attended Oklahoma State Tech and graduated with an Associate of Technology Degree in Automotive Mechanics, Director's Honor Roll, General Education Award, the Oklahoma Automobile Dealers Association Outstanding Student Award and Attendance Award.

I became employed with Fidler-Harlan Motor Co. in Okmulgee, deciding to keep my roots planted in Okmulgee. We are active members of Crosstown Pentecostal Holiness Church, involved in many of the functions and organizations of the church.

My greatest concern is the need for unity among the Creeks; I will work toward better understanding between Creek citizens and tribal officials. We have come a great distance as a sovereign nation, and we cannot afford to lose what we have gained. By being united we can go twice as far.

I believe that my role and duty as your representative is to be a voice of the people to express YOUR desires and opinions. I will do my best to keep the people of my district informed and updated on all tribal matters.

Let me represent YOU on the National Council.

(signed) **Anthony "Tony" Hale**

Loretta Pat Kelly

No Photo Submitted

The Muscogee(Creek) Nation has a long history of being a strong, influential, proud Nation; however, at this point in time, we need change within the Creek Nation to bring back to our government. We need people representing us who have the qualifications, expertise and intestinal fortitude to bring about this change. I feel that I am that person.

My name is Loretta Pat Kelly and I am a candidate for representative to the National Council for the people from Okmulgee District. I am the daughter of Melissa McCoy of Okmulgee, and the granddaughter of the late Ben Tiger and Sallie Smith Tiger of Coweta and Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. I belong to the Bird Clan of the Muscogee Nation and Tulsa Canadian Tribal Town. I am married to Earl Kelly of Okmulgee.

We are active members at First Indian Baptist Church in Okmulgee. I have been a resident of Okmulgee since 1978, having come to Okmulgee to work for Creek Nation after completing requirements for a B.S. degree from NEOSU. I am presently employed by the District Attorney's Office, Child Support Division, coming to work for Greg Stidham when he took office in 1983. I have previously worked for the Oklahoma State Senate for several years and am familiar with the legislative process of governments. I feel that my employment and educational background qualifies me to be a competent representative for the Creek People. (signed) **Loretta Pat Kelly**

(Seat D)

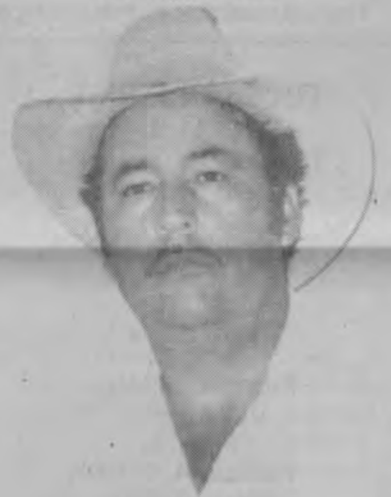
Robert Hardridge

No Opponent

(Seat E)

Barton Williams

No Opponent



Barton Williams

I am Barton Williams 3/8 Creek Indian. My parents are Irvin Williams and Alice (Wesly) Williams. My grandparents are the late Minnie Riley and Charley Wesly. I am married to Rita (Berryhill) Williams, whose parents are Tom Berryhill of Henryetta, Okla and the late Blanche Berryhill. We have one son who is 14 years old and is in the 9th grade at Henryetta Junior High School.

I am a Viet-Nam Vet and served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Viet-Nam.

I feel that I can be of significant help to our people by working toward our goals of self-sufficiency. In order to become self-sufficient we must meet the needs of all our people and become united within our tribe. That means our churches, ceremonial grounds, and tribal towns must all band together and be recognized as one unified and strong body.

We must become reliant on our own resources and no longer dependent on federal government, as we have been for most of our history.

Let the Red man be counted for his vote as the black man and the hispanic are counted by the white political party.

(signed) **Barton Williams**

Muskogee District

(Seat A)

Harley Gene Little

No Opponent

Harley Gene Little

I, Harley Gene Little, the son of the late Buster Little of Bearden, Oklahoma, and Nora "Blackie" Clark of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, am seeking the position of Councilman, Muskogee County.

As a Korean War Veteran, former educator administrator, referee, and Agency Superintendent of the Okmulgee Agency, I feel I have the background, knowledge, and expertise to work with the *problems of the Creek People.*

During my role as your Agency Superintendent, my number one priority was the care and welfare of our original enrollees and their first generation. This priority called for better housing , proper home and health care, which will continue to be my top priority.

Secondly, I would like to see more evidence of economic developments which will be long lasting and involve more tribal employment.

I feel the present constitution is a good frame work for the tribe; but now, we need to fill in the gaps and loopholes, so that each branch of government can recognize their responsibilities and limitations.

The newspapers have made a mockery of any activity our tribe has done in the past. This leads me to set a priority of attempting to bring more dignity, credibility, and pride to what our tribal government does in the future. This will only be accomplished by the involvement of all Creek people,which means, representatives and administrators must heed to the wants and wishes of, again, all Creek voices.

There are many problem areas to be addressed; but feel this is a starting point and I would appreciate your support now and in the future.

(signed) **Harley Little**

(Seat B)

Helen L. Chupco

No Opponent

Helen L. Chupco will be serving fourth term as District Representative for Muskogee District to National Council. She has been involved in Creek tribal affairs since 1961, because she has great concern for her people and strong desire to

Helen Chupco

help them, both young and old. She held responsible positions as secretary of election board, tribal council member 9 years during previous administration, and member of Constitution Committee to draft Creek Constitution.

Currently she serves as chairman of the Committee on Community services to review programs on social services, health. housing, community development, and nutrition for National Council's approval. She sponsored a bill that provided $300 general assistance to every living original allottee this year.

In her district she has faithfully provided assistance and information to their constituents, as well as being their advocate to tribal administration and staff she hopes to continue to do this and more. Her accomplished goal has been a well-organized community with regular monthly meetings held in Muskogee.

Helen Chupco's experience and training has given her knowledge of her responsibilites. She will continue to work hard and diligently, not for herself, but for you..

She and her husband, Lee L. Chupco, retired minister,reside at 517 Grandview Boulevard, Muskogee, Ok 74403
(signed) **Helen L. Chupco**

McIntosh District
(Seat A)
Billy Joe Fox

I am seeking re-election to the Creek Nation National Council as a representative from the McIntosh District, on the experience that I feel I have obtained the past two years. At the present time help for medical and educational expenses priorities for me and I feel that they are for rest of the council also, but there is another need in Creek Nation today that is also of great concern, and that is for our government to be back in a place where it is for the people and by the people, and not being seemingly controlled by just a few people who very seldom ever leave the complex at Okmulgee to go and sit down and talk with the Creek people and see and hear the other needs that our people have. These are three main issues that if I can in anyway improve on for the satisfaction of the creek people. I would appreciate the support from all the voters in the McIntosh District.
(signed) **Joe Fox**

(Seat B)
Jim Bittle

Jim Bittle

I am Jim Bittle Checotah, Ok. running for McIntosh District Representative seat B.

I was born and raised at the foot of Tiger Mountain in the edge of Deep Fork Bottom and have lived in McIntosh County all my life. I was raised as a little Indian boy should have been raised.

My father was the late J. L. Bittle, my mother the late Besie Broadmax Bittle, my grandmother the late Nannie Deere, my uncle the late Rev. Robert King. I have two aunts Ella King, and Lucille Swartwood, also seven wonderful brothers and sisters.

I graduated from Pierce High School, Northeastern University, and taugh Math, Science, and coached basketball, baseball, track 34 years. I was a High School Principal 23 years. I believe with these qualifications I can do a good job of representing the Creek People. I am now retired and have plenty of time to devote to the needs and programs of Creek People and the Council.

I know officials in all branches of government of Creek Nation and have the ability to get along with people and will work toward the betterment of Creek people in all programs.

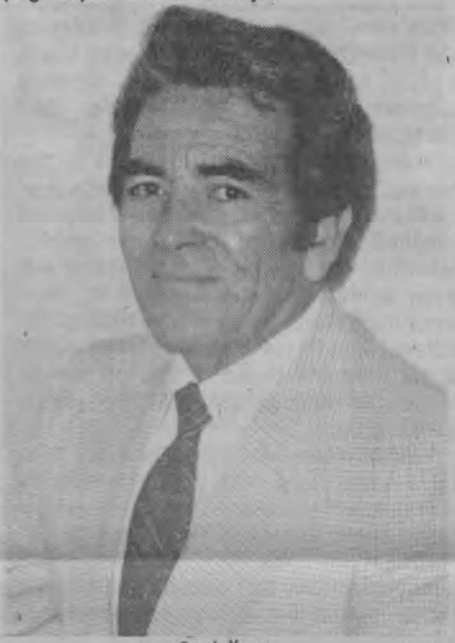
I am running against no one or against any programs, but I am running for the continued advancement of Creek Nation. "I am proud to be a Creek Indian." Thank you for your support on Oct. 26.

Frank Kamp

My name is Frank Kamp. I am 52 years old, retired and live in Eufaula. I belong to the Quassarte Tribal Town and the Beaver Clan. My grandmother was the late Leah (McIntosh) Billings. I have been active in Creek affairs since 1978. In 1978-79 I was the treasurer for the council of Tribal Town Kings and Warriors and also served as assistant chairman for that group. In 1979 I worked in the office of the Creek Constitution Commission and also in 1979 was a candidate for the office of Second Chief. After being defeated in the election for Second Chief I still wanted to be active in some Creek organization and was then elected to the position of solicitor for the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town. I held that position for five years.

Being a representative on the council means that I should represent Creek citizens in council meetings. It is important that a representative stays in close contact with the people he represents. Being retired, I will be available to the citizens of McIntosh District at all times. I have been faithful to all the positions that I have held and will be faithful to this position, if elected.

The council must maintain Tribal Sovereignty, and it is important for the council to explore ways for the Muscogee Nation to develop tribal businesses for the employment of our people. This is especially true at a time when federal funding is being reduced.
(signed) **Frank E. Kamp**



Frank Kamp

(Seat C)
Dorcas Tiger

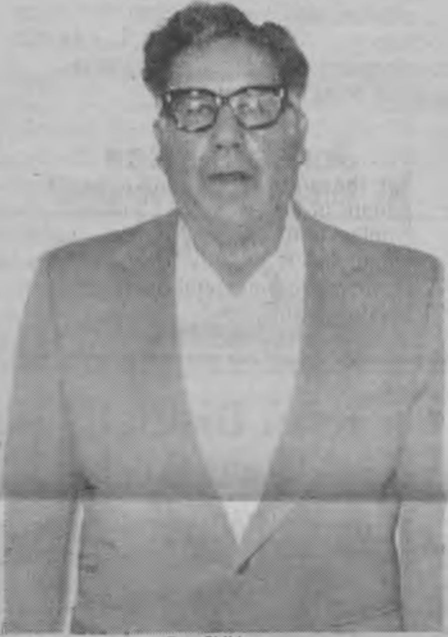
Dorcas Tiger

I was born on January 29, 1932, at Richardville, Ok. My Father and Mother were the late Connie and Linnie Lowe. I am 7/16 Creek Indian. I have been married 37 years to Jackson Tiger, Jr. 4/4 Creek Indian. We have 4 children, three sons and one daughter. I am an active member in the Silver Spring Baptist Church. I have held offices in the church since the age of 12 years. I have also held several offices and been on committees in the Muscogee, Seminole, and Wichita Association and Convention. I have been employed by the Dewar School for 18 years, 13 of those years have been in the Remedial Reading lab as a teachers aide.

I am running for National Council Representative - McIntosh District - Seat C., because I am proud of the accomplishments that have been made in the short time we have been a Nation and would like to see our Creek Tribe continue on to greater achievements. I feel the only way to do this is to be united in working for the betterment of our people, as Abe Lincoln once said. "United we stand, divided we fall".
(signed) **Dorcas Tiger**

Sandy McIntosh
No Information Submitted

(Seat D)
Dan Childers



Dan Childers

As a Creek citizen, I have always had a sincere interest in services to our people.

As a resident of McIntosh District, and a retired employee of the U.S. Postal Service, I am looking forward to working as a representative on the National Council. It is my belief that as a councilmember, a first priority will be to build a strong local organization which will represent all members of McIntosh District. With strong community support, the Creek Nation will be able to provide more effective services to our children, our elderly, and other members of the district.

I feel that I will be able to work with all groups to meet the needs of our people. I am a member of the First Baptist Church, the Veteran of Foreign Wars, Odd Fellow, and the American Legion. I am proud of my twenty-three years of service with the United States Army and feel that my commitment to the office of representative will benefit all Creek citizens.

Living in Checotah with my wife Keitha, I have two daughters, Danna and Robin, and four grandchildren.

I sincerely ask McIntosh District citizens for your vote in the upcoming election and pledge to make your vote count in tribal government.
(signed)**Dan Childers**

Newman Thompson Jr.
No Information Submitted

Daniel B[illegible]nett
No Information Submitted

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Hughes District
(Seat A)

Johnson Buck
No Opponent

(Seat B)
Pedro 'Pete' Johnson
No Photo Submitted

Pedro 'Pete' Johnson is a candidate for Hughes District and a native of Lamar, Oklahoma. Church affiliation, Middle Creek Indian Baptist Church located at Carson Community.

I am the son of the late Douglas Johnson and Lucinda Bruner Johnson of Lamar, Ok.

My decision to run for representative is based upon my belief the continued progress of Creek Nation is of utmost importance, and I will support our many endeavors in Education, Economic Development, and Elderly Programs.
(signed) **Pete Johnson**

Jonas Dunson
No Information Submitted

(Seat C)
Robert Eugene Buck
No Opponent

Tulsa District
(Seat A)

Thomas Killingsworth

Thomas Killingsworth

I am a native of Checotah Oklahoma, son of Naomi and the late Bryan Killingsworth. Born April 29, 1948.

After graduating from Checotah High School, Checotah Ok, and Haskell Institute, Lawrence Kansas, I entered into the United States Air Force in 1969. During my 15 years of service my assignments included Mississippi, Alaska, Georgia, Florida, California and an overseas tour to Korea.

It was during the time I was in Florida that I met and married my wife, Debbie, in 1974.

Approximately one year ago we made the decision and arranged so that I could serve out my final portion of my 20 years as an Air Force Recruiter in Tulsa, Oklahoma and make Tulsa our home.

I've always had a deep committment to serving my country and I would like to carry that over to serving the Muscogee Nation. I feel the future of the Muscogee Nation goes directly thru the Tribal Council. Without concerned Tribal members taking positive action in preserving the Muscogee Nation, there might not be a self-government to take care of the needs of our future generations. I would welcome the opportunity to serve our tribe as a member of the Tribal Council.

Jerry Wilson
No Photo Submitted

Glenpool, Ok - Jerry Wilson, Creek Citizen, has announced plans to run for the Creek National Council representing Tulsa County in Seat A.

Wilson a small business entrepreneur, holds a business degree from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma and formerly owned a retail grocery store, a fast food restaurant, and currently operates a small bookkeeping and management consultant practice.

Wilson believes that there is a strong nucleus of Creeks living in Tulsa County that have participated very little in services provided by the Creek Tribal Government. According to Wilson, Tulsa Creeks are often denied services because of their residential status in an urban setting. He believes that this is an unfair service policy of the tribe and hopes to change service policies to serve Creeks no matter where they live.

Wilson worked for the Creek Tribe from 1974 to 1977 in several different management capabilities. His initial employment consisted of serving as the Manager of Public Relations and Communications and was responsible for Public Information Services. He was then transferred to the Division of Human Development where he served as Assistant Director and assisted in the administering the education programs operated by the tribe. His last year of employment consisted of serving as Manager of the Environmental Services Administration which consisted of home improvement services for Creek Home Owners.

After leaving the tribe, he became employed by Andrew Skeeter, Inc., an all-Indian consultant firm that provided training and technical assistance to Indian tribes nation-wide. During his employment with Andrew Skeeter, Inc., he received direct experience in Indian Economic Development and Tribal Planning.
(signed)**Jerry Wilson**

(Seat B)
Irene Jacobs Cleghorn

Irene Jacobs Cleghorn

I am seeking another term for Tulsa District representative to serve on the Creek Tribal Council. I am and have always been sensitive to the Creek's needs there are many needs, education, employment, healthcare, etc. The children and the elderly should have priority.

I feel communication is important so I would like to mention I can speak Creek as well as English. It is important to elect a representative who will speak in your behalf, addressing the needs of this district. It is important that we have an honest and open Tribal government, also that Tribal Government be responsive to the Urban needs as well as rural needs.

I consider the opportunity to serve as Tulsa District representative a unique service to work with people whom I am well acquainted.

In pursuit of better education I attended Chilocco boarding school and Okla. State University. I wholeheartedly believe education is the means to achieve better employment and to improve better living conditions. I will fully support higher education and vocational programs the Tribe is involved in.

With your support and vote we can win.
(signed) **Irene Cleghorn**

John Tiger

John Tiger

John W. Tiger born March 24, 1943 of parents William Earl Tiger and Billie Louise Williams. Attended Tulsa Jr. College, graduated 1981 with a degree in Welding Technology, Applied Science. Activities: Honors Graduate; American Welding Society Member; American Society of Metals Member; Vietnam Veteran; Life member Disabled American Veterans Tulsa Chapter 32; Harold Big Heart Smalley American Legion Post 198; National Defense Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Vietnam Campaign Medal; Cross of Gallentry; Fleet Marine Force Combat Operations Insignia; Good Conduct Medal; Seabees. Employed American Technical Institute, Welding Instructor and Welding Inspector.

The ability to instruct, teach and instill in our Native American Students the importance and pride of bettering themselves to take their rightful place in society, has always held a deep sense of pride in me. The answer that lies in education is twofold, not only for the betterment of ones self, but also for the advancement of our Muscogee people as a whole.

We, as Muscogee people, must never forfeit our right as a sovereign nation to what one day will belong to our heirs. The only way we will be able to maintain our stature is with our youthful people; by learning, practicing and carrying on our tribal customs and beliefs as taught to us by our elders, we will never submit to the chicanery of assimilation. Now, I say to you is the time for the changing of the guard from the old to the new.
(signed) **John W. Tiger**

(Seat C)
Larry Bible
No Opponent

(Seat D)
David Wilde

David Wilde

I, David L. Wilde, am running for Tulsa District (Seat D) National Council Representative. I do have something to contribute because I am a resourceful thinking individual. I have no axe-to-grind against anyone! Because of this I feel I came to this campaign as an open and fair minded indivdual. I would like to act as your "sounding board" from the Tulsa Area of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Your concerns and views about the "the Nation" will be conscientiously carried by me to the Council, whether I agree or disagree with your views.

I have for our "Muscogee (Creek) Nation", basic convictions and goals. I state them to you as the following; (1) A strong conviction that aggressive business development programs be implemented to secure the financial future of Creek Nation and its citizens. (2) A firm committment towards assisting the elderly. (3) Financial support for educating the Muscogee people. (4) Job development and work opportunity. (5) Responsible and unbiased budget cutting when essential. Tapping the resources and personnel of Muscogee (Creek) Nation to make the budget monies stretch. (6) Expectation and accountability; each man and woman receiving Muscogee (Creek) monies to be productive, cost

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conscious and accountable.

I have a deep and abiding respect for all facets of "Indian Life" that make up the citizenry of the Muscogee(Creek) Nation. I respect the Constitution and the "Traditions" unique to the Muscogee People that keeps us a united, strong people.

I am thirty-one years of age, Assistant Manager of the Creek Nation Bingo and the father of three children, David Jr., Aarron and Kylina, all attending Glenpool schools. I assisted in the development of Tulsa Indian Youth Council and I was educated at Haskell, Tulsa Junior College and the University of Tulsa.
(signed) **David L. Wilde**

Kenneth Childers

Kenneth Childers

I am forty-five years of age, 5/8 Creek. The son of Violet Childers Freeman, and the late Mose Childers. I am married to the former Billie Bible, have four children and reside in Glenpool Oklahoma. I have been employed as a coordinator for the Indian Education Programs of Coweta Schools since 1976.

I served as the Wagoner District Representative and Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council from 1980 thru 1983. It is my personal feeling that I have strengthened my leadership qualities and proven my ability to work with tribal members and officials. I believe in equality and betterment for all Creek Citizens.

As Speaker of the National Council I introduced an ordinance "Supporting the Urban Indian Health Clinics", also, an "Indian Preference Ordinance", which requires preference in employment with the Nation, be granted to Indians. Both ordinances were enacted.

A person is only as strong as their support. I have truly enjoyed representing the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and it's people. I look forward to serving the Nation once again. With your help I will be one of the Tulsa District Representatives.

Thank you for your vote and support.
(signed) **Kenneth L. Childers**

(Seat E)

Patricia A. Clark

I, Patricia Ann Clark, am a life long resident of Glenpool and a graduate of Glenpool High School in 1959. The daughter of the late Willis "Chief" Evans. I am employed in the Glenpool School system as a school bus driver and custodian.

Patricia Clark

I am seeking Seat E to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council as a representative for the Tulsa District.

I submit some of the reasons, I am interested in this position. 1. To keep our community aware of what is taking place for the benefit of Creek people. 2. Assist in anyway to aid the community in the area of Health, education and welfare opportunities for the youth and aged , provided by the Creek Nation programs. 3. Attend and vote on issues that promotes and implements a sound, honest, and efficient government.
(signed) **Patricia A. Clark**

Morris O' Hern

No Information Submitted

Wagoner District

(Seat A)

Alexander Thomas

No Information Submitted

(Seat B)

Thurston Primeaux

Thurston 'Mickey' Primeaux

My name is Thurston (Micky) Primeaux. I am 45 years old and have been life long resident of the Coweta Community. I am a graduate of Chilocco Indian School and Northeastern State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration.

I was Past President of the Coweta Indian Community Center and have been active in Indian Affairs. I am currently Vice-President of the Muskogee County Indian Credit Association.

At the present time self employed in the Hospital equipment business. As my degree is in business Administation. I know modern business practices and will put this to use in being a part of the growing body of the Creek Nation.
(signed) **Mickey Thurston Primeaux**

Okfuskee District

(Seat A)

Carney Roberts

No Opponent

(Seat B)

Dorothy Miller

I've lived in Okfuskee county all my life. Graduated from High School and 2-year Business College at Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kansas.

Afer graduating I worked 35 years in Okemah for Public Service Company of Oklahoma.

My two children, Denny and Guineth Higgins, attended the Okemah Schools.

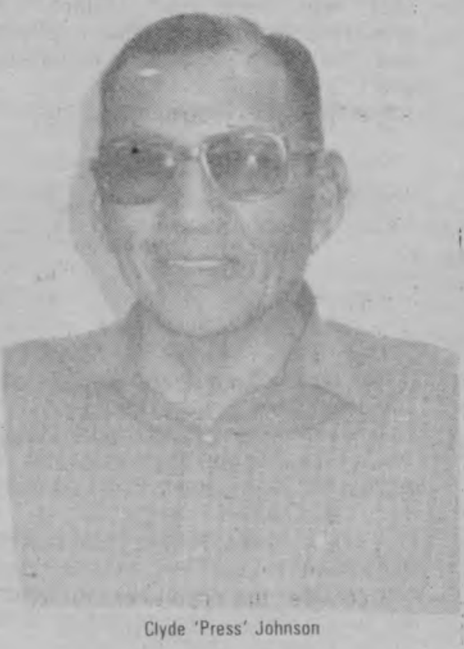
I'm willing to do the best I can for the Creek People. I would appreciate your vote for the Muscogee National Council October 26th.
(signed) **Dorothy V. Miller**

Billie J. Burden

No Information Submitted

(Seat C)

Clyde 'Press' Johnson



Clyde 'Press' Johnson

I, Clyde (Press) Johnson, am candidate for National Counci Representative from District C. I was born and raised in Okfuskee County and nov live in Okemah with my wife of 38 yeai Nadine. We have one son, Mike Johnsor

My late parents were Peter Johnso and Yarna Scott Johnson.

I am a veteran of World War II, havin served as a Teletype Communication Operator with the Ninth Air force.

I was raised in the Montezuma India Baptist Church but am now a member c the Calvary Baptist Church in Okemah.
(signed) **Clyde (Press) Johnson**

Dorothy Burden

No Information Submitted

Creek District

(Seat A)

Roy Bear

Roy Bear

I am 1/2 Creek Indian from Bristow, C My father is Roley Bear. I have resid in the Bristow area all of my life. I'm graduate of Haskell Institute now Hask Junior College. I have served in the Arm Forces and the Viet Nám Conflict- 11/6 to 11/65. I am presently employed Oklahoma Steel Castings in Tulsa. I ha been there almost 6 (six) years.

I have a deep concern for the increase the Tribal Budget for the meetings of tl Muskogee (Creek) National Counc knowing the function of the Nation Council, the Health Issues, the Econom growth within the Muskogee (Cree Nation, the representatives reporting ba to the communities in which they represe and UNITY for our tribe. We need a Unifi Muskogee (Creek) Nation. There is no tin for squabbling within ourselves.
(signed)**Roy Bear**

Duke Harjo

Hello, Creek District Residents:

On October 26, 1985 you will see r name Duke Harjo as a candidate for t National Council Representative, for t Creek District (Seat A) at that time I wou appreciate your vote, in our behalf.

Our behalf, meaning yours, mine a the entire Creek District, because I inte to use all the power vested in me as t Creek District Representative to impro and increase the services provided to t Creek District Residents and with your he we will do it!!

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Duke Harjo

My wife Ellen and I have two children, Jim and Laura. Jim is in his second year at the University of Oklahoma, and Laura is a Junior at Sapulpa High School.

Ellen has been employed at Barlett Hospital for 7 years as the Assistant Chief Medical Technologist. I am a sales Representative for Macco Promotions. I was formerly employed by Creek Nation for 6 years as the Supervisor of Security.

I attended Chilocco Indian School, Haskell Indian Junior College and Northeastern State University.

Again I ask for your vote, because with your help a lot can and will be ACCOMPLISHED.
(signed) **Duke Harjo**

(Seat B)
Delbert Dunn
No Opponent

Delbert Dunn

I Delbert V. Dunn announce my candidacy for representative to the Creek County District.

The past 22 months has been a well rewarding experience for me knowing that I had part in numerous tribal programs.

I feel I'am qualified to represent the Yuchi & Creek citizens of Creek County.

I feel a portion of my goal has been achieved, and if reelected I will continue to work hard to have more programs for the welfare of our people.

I need your support and vote to insure the tribe's progress continues and fulfills it's responsibility to our people.

(Seat C)
Earl Wheeler

Earl Wheeler

My name is Earl Wheeler and I am a candidate for the Creek National Council Representative from Creek County. My parents are Alice Bucktrot Wheeler and the late Roy Wheeler. I have lived in the Bristow area most of my life; attended school at Gypsy and Depew. I am married to Connie James Wheeler and we have three children; Kimberly 13, Kevin 8 and Jeremiah 4. I served 4 years in the U.S. Air Force, spending 18 months of that time in the Phillipines; honorably discharged as an E-4 Sergeant. My military service disciplined me to serve and work with all kinds of people in different situations.

For 4 years I have served on the JOM & Title IV Committees and have enjoyed working with and seeing the needs of the Indian students met. In January, 1983, the Indian people of Bristow, Depew and Gypsy supported my efforts in getting the Bristow Indian Community organized and chartered. Since that time I have served as Chairman and have watched the community grow and we were recently able to obtain facilities of our own.

I am active in Church. I believe in the unity of the family through the bond of peace which gives us stability in our endeavors and this peace and unity comes only through our Lord Jesus Christ.

As your Representative I believe that in working together we can make an even better Muscogee Creek Nation for the Indian people. Let's you and I together see that we leave our children and grandchildren something that is effective and that which we can be proud of for years to come.
(signed)**Earl W. Wheeler**

Ellis W.Haikey
No Information Submitted

(Seat E)
Betty Foster

Betty Foster

My name is Betty Jean Foster and I am a full-blood Creek Indian. I was raised in the Sapulpa area, and have lived in Sapulpa for over 30 years. I attended and graduated from Sequoyah Indian School and from Claremore Junior College.

I am a member of the Little Cussetah Indian Baptist Church. At present, I am the Church Training Director and the Secretary for District two. I have served as Baptist Young Women's Director, Girl's in Action Director, and volunteer youth coordinator. In each of these capacities, I have attended and participated in reporting on activities.

I have three children, David 16, LaDonna 11 and Sonya 9. Each are active in school and church activities. I am interested in their education and the equal opportunity for better education for all the Creek youth. I was vice-chairman of the Title IV Indian Education Program at the Sapulpa Public Schools during the 84-85 school year. As the vice-chairman, I attended monthly meetings and worked closely with Indian parents and students to accomplish goals and objectives set out.

If you elect me as your National Council Representative for the Creek District, Seat D, I will communicate and keep you informed at all times. I will not let out District miss the benefits offered through the various Creek Nation programs for being uninformed or informed too late.

I will attend community meetings, church meeting, and other meetings such as tribal grounds and schools to let each of you know what is happening at the meetings of the district representatives to the National Council. I will work with you and in turn each of the representatives to the National Council and with the administration of the Creek Nation.
(signed) Betty Jean Foster

Clarence Cloud
No Information Submitted

Native American Writers Invited to Submit Work

The editors of "The Phoenix" magazine wish to see work that is honest and avoids stereotypic thinking about the Native American.

Indians and non-Indians are invited to submit work for this issue. Only unpublished work will be perused.

Poetry, fiction (under 3000 words), essays and literary criticism will be perused.

Those works selected will appear in "The Native American Today" issue of "The Phoenix." The deadline for submission is December 31, 1985. Payment is in copies, the reporting time is three months and the awards are; $100 for best poem; $100 for best prose. Enclose SASE with submission.

Send work to: Joan Shaddox Isom, Editor, The Phoenix, Division of Arts and Letters, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK 74464.

Obituaries

GEORGE S. COSER SR.

Wake services for George S. Coser Sr., were held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, September 24 in the Buchanan Memorial Chapel.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, 2 p.m. in the Buchanan Chapel with Rev. Tommy Berryhill and Rev. Bud Sullivan officiating.

Interment will be in the Okmulgee Cemetery under the direction of the Buchanan-McClendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Keeper Johnson, George Samuel Tiger, Tony Arkeketa, Dean Welch, Ron Cotner and Jim Harjo, Jr.

Born June 16, 1908 in Raiford, Mr. Coser was employed as a machine operator for 21 years for the H. Perilstein Glass Company before he retired. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and helped entertain the troops in Europe and the United States.

As a trick roper, Mr. Coser had the distinction of performing his trick roping before the King and Queen of England and performing in the Roman Coliseum. He continued his trick roping by forming his group "The Coser Family" until 1965.

Mr. Coser was widely known as a leather craftsman and in earlier years as a rodeo performer. He was also a graduate of Oklahoma State Tech.

Survivors include his wife, Stella Coser of the home in Okmulgee; three sons, Pete G. Coser, Stillwater, George S. Coser, Jr., and Wayne R. Coser, both of Okmulgee; three sisters, Nettie Harjo, Dustin, Geneva Wallace, Bell Gardens, California, and Georgia Coser, Muskogee; 12 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

ALVIN LEE BUCKTROT SR

Born August 21,1931, Sapulpa Bartlett Hospital.Died July 21,1985 in Littlerock, Ark. at age 54. Alvin's parents were Wysena and Annie Bucktrot.

Before finishing high school Alvin chose to serve his country by joining the United States Marine Corp where he served from 1952-55. Alvin was an honored Korean veteran and had received several medals, of these was Korean Service Metal, United Nations Service Medal, National Defence Service Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. His outfit was the 8th Marine Corps. Alvin made corporal June 29, 1954.

After his discharge, Alvin married Liza Harjo in August 1958. They had 3 children. Two sons, Alvin Lee Jr., Samual Madison, and one daughter Alicia Ann Beaver. Alvin also had 4 grandchildren and five sisters as follows: Susana Wilson of Haskell, Pheobe Jones of Bristow, Ruth Crittenden of Stillwell, Alice Wheeler of Bristow and also one brother Hazel Tiger of Cromwell, and also one brother Wade Bucktrot of Bristow. Also one brother preceding him in death, Tony Bucktrot. Alvin's parents preceded him in death also.

Alvin was admitted to the Veteran's Hospital in Littlerock in September, 1984.After his discharge, he continued to live in Littlerock, where he was a mechanic and truckdriver for Barnett Trucking. He was a member of Mutteloke Methodist in Bristow and attended Evangel Church in Ark.

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CN Wins Suite Against State

By Helen Chalakee

"Ambiguities in federal law should be construed generously in favor of Indian tribes," commented U.S. District Judge James Ellison as he ruled in favor of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on December 20 permanently barring the Oklahoma Tax Commission from collecting taxes on Creek Nation Bingo and the Tulsa District Attorney from prosecuting the operators or employees.

Judge Ellison also ruled that the state's interest and state law are outweighed by federal and tribal interest in the operation of a tribal trust on Indian land.

"Oklahoma does not have the jurisdiction to tax, audit, monitor, or control the Muscogee (Creek) Nation," Ellison said. "The District Attorney does not have the jurisdiction, to prosecute, criminally or civilly, the Creek Nation or Indian Country U.S.A. Bingo.

The District Attorney's office had to testify they had found no infection of organized crime at the Bingo, however, this did not stop them from adding there would be eventually. The Judge ordered D.A. David Moss and other D.A.'s under his control or anyone from the D.A. office from inteferring in any way with operations, padlocking the facilities or confiscating or removing any equipment.

In the trial lasting six days, attorneys John Echols, Geoffery Standing Bear and George Almerigi called on twenty wittnesses to testify in behalf of Creek Nation.

The testimonies ranged from a comprehensive historical recount of the Creek tribe from Dr. Renard Strickland and an emotionally charged traditional saga from Woodrow Haney relating cultural episodes of the Muscogee people, to current accounts by tribal employees of everyday operations and financial accounts by outside auditors.

Stickland testified the land along the Arkansas River where the Bingo was constructed is 'trust land' in its purest form, immune from outside interference.

Woodrow Haney, aptly described as 'a traditional man in a modern world', related that Indians could not live in this kind of world with the naive honest attitude they once possessed because nobody understands that kind of people anymore. He said, "The Indians feel if the whites could not get what they wanted from the Indians, they would just make a law and then take it,

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-Photo by Elliot Barnett

"CHRISTMAS IS TRADITIONAL" WAS THE THEME OF THE CREEK NATION SAPULPA HEADSTART FLOAT THAT WON THE GRAND PRIZE IN THE YOUTH DIVISION in Sapulpa's Annual Christmas Parade held December 7. The float, one of the eight prize-winning floats and one of thirty entered in this year's parade, was the work of the Headstart staff and parents. Shown with the float are (left to right) Headstart students Shawna O'Neal, Fallen Proctor, Sophrona Watashe, Brandi LaSarge, Jeffrey Mosquito, Levi Deaton and Vanessa Briscoe. Shown in the back row are (left to right) Madja Simms, Teacher's Aide, Clinton Watashe, Casey Mosquito and Butch LaSarge, parent. Janet Lee is the Director of the Creek Nation Headstart Program, which includes centers at Sapulpa, Eufaula, Yeager and Okmulgee. The Sapulpa Headstart Center is staffed by Vicki Haug, with Aides Sue Walker and Madja Simms, Teacher Mattie Long and her Aides Paul Harjo and Vickie Fox.

CN Supreme Court to Decide 2nd Chief Election

By Helen Chalakee

A political war has been smoldering for some time in Creek Nation. Accusations have been flying back and forth, making it a difficult environment for employees and citizens alike. Friends and families are being charged with whose side they are on. A petition is being circulated to try to impeach the Principal Chief and there is talk of other petitions to unseat Council Representatives.

All these unfounded attacks are taking their toll on the Creek Nation. Nobody makes a move in fear of doing or saying something wrong. Those who do continue going on with business as usual are blasted daily by other Creeks outside administration who know very little about operations or are intentionally inaccurate about how business has been conducted.

Power has turned into a dirty word throughout our tribal government. Even though our constitution is based on separation of powers with special privileges delegated to each of the executive, legislative and judicial branches. One-ups-manship seems to be the game of the day, with anything goes, as long as it makes responsible people seem to appear suspicious of wrongdoing.

Controversy of whether the National Council has the power to determine an election invalid; or if that determination should be a judicial decision is now in the Supreme Court.

Emerging concerns being discussed by Creek citizens are questioning on what grounds did the National Council prove irregularities had taken place to cause them to invalidate the Second Chief Run-off Election and was fraudulent action proven against the Creek Election Board? Several Council members said they were never asked to vote on whether the election should be invalidated, so why was this action taken? Three thousand, four hundred and six Creek citizens voted in an election which fourteen Council members deemed invalid.

Another concern of the people is if this was a partisan action by some of the Council members, since most of them sported bumper stickers and placards and actively campaigned for the losing candidate.

The integrity of the Creek Nation Election Board, the election workers, the candidates, the National Council and the whole Muscogee Nation has been challenged by this action.

An appeal was filed with the CN Supreme Court by Perry Beaver on December 3 to determine his legitimacy as Creek Second Chief. Beaver has been serving as Second Chief since the June 29 Run-off Election when he defeated Bill Fife by 46 votes.

Beaver and Fife have been opponents since the May 25 Primary. In that election, Beaver defeated Fife by 115 votes, or 40 per cent. Fife received 36 per cent. Two other candidates received the remaining votes. This threw Beaver and Fife into a run-off since before a winner can be declared they must receive 50 per

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-NOTICE-

The Creek Nation Head Start is presently taking applications for a new Head Start located in Okmulgee at the Tribal Complex. It will serve 20 low-income children ages 3-5. It is scheduled to open on January 13, 1986. You may apply in the Head Start Office located in the Mound Building. Please bring verification of income, CDIB, birth certificate, and immunization record. For further infor mation contact Janet Lynn at 756-8700 ext. 337.

Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a montly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

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Deadlines for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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NOTE OF THANKS!

Our warmest thanks to all our friends. Your many acts of kindness during the loss of our loved one, Janie Barnett Horne, have been deeply appreciated. God Bless you.

The Brothers & family of Janie Barnett Horne

DEAR CHIEF COX:

We the people in the Okla. City area wish to express our "thanks" to you, and those on your staff, who took the time to come to our meetings.

We appreciate all that is being done to try and help our people wherever they may live.

Your presence was an uplift to the people here. We know that in your position that you are a busy man, but hope that you will not be a stranger to our city and know that you are welcome at our meetings anytime.

We feel that we need this kind of communication and in this way be a more "united" nation, and not a "divided" nation. We need to uplift one another and not try to bring each other down - there are those out there who are trying to do that without us doing it among ourselves.

Again thank you, from the: Oklahoma City area Muscogee (Creek) Association.

Mrs. Jane Milam
Secretary/Treasurer

IT'S A BOY!

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Ramoan Mosquito of Mounds announce the birth of their first son, third child, whom they have named Isaac Benjamin. Isaac was born November 4 in Claremore. He weighed eight pounds and two ounces and measured 20 inches in length.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Mosquito and Mr. and Mrs. John R. Jones all of Mounds. Great-Grandparents are Mrs. Mae Clayton of Bixby and Mrs. Flossie Jones of Mounds, and the late George Berryhill of Okmulgee. Isaacs' sister are Leah and Rachel.

Yuchi Tradition

I hear the shaking of the shells
The men singing loud
Who know their heritage well
These are the American Indians Proud
Even though we lost our land
Our culture still stands
Through the Trail of Tears
Our Indian Culture has survived all those years.

When the leaves turn green
And springtime has come
And many we haven't seen
Will bring some
All together again
We are the Yuchi Indians
So Proud and few
But we are recognized as Creek
Is kinda blue
Because we still seek
Our own identity
For you and me.

The men dressed in their hats and feathers
Are here again and gathers
for their traditional dance
in hope to see their friends by chance
The women in their dresses of ruffle and tin cans
This is how it all began

Amy Yargee
Yuchi-Creek-Cherokee
Sand Creek Tribal Ground

Run-off Elections Decide Winners

Two run-off elections were held December 7 for the positions of Council Representatives for Okmulgee and McIntosh Districts. Leah Stacy defeated Cogee Keith by four votes for the Okmulgee position. Results were: Stacy, 311; Keith, 307. In the McIntosh election Dan Barnett defeated Dan Childers, 274-191.

To The Okfuskee County Creek Citizens:

Thank you for your confidence and support in the recent election of District Representative. I will do my best to represent the Creek people, and want you to feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely
Dorothy Miller

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if the Indians were not smart enough to find loopholes, they were gone."

He also told when Chitto Harjo stood before a Congressional Hearing long ago in Tulsa and said, "They want my country. That is the only problem I have."

Other testimony came from Indian Country U.S.A., managers of the Creek Bingo relating the high risk venture in opening the Bingo, the success of employing tribal people and an economic impact study which had been conducted showing the financial advantages to the city of Tulsa.

When the Judge's decision was announced at the Bingo that evening, everyone applauded, Indians and whites. Principal Chief Cox said, "It's an early Christmas present for the whole tribe!"

Indian Votes Do Count!

BY TOM BEAVER

Indians have a long, proud history of political know how and diplomacy. If we had lacked those skills, we would not have been here today! Our leaders of years ago were masters of diplomacy. But where are our political skills now?

We are not even in the political ballgame. Politics and those who play the game beat us to death every day. We don't even try to get involved in the political process. We are not locked out of the political system. We choose not to be involved. Why not get involved?

Why should you become actively involved in the political process? Because you are Indian that process has enormous effect on your life. **The political system affects your family life. It affects your life at work, the way you spend your leisure time. It affects the way you or your children are educated and it affects you health care system.** Just about everything you do is affected by the political process.

INDIANS ARE AFFECTED BY MORE POLITICAL SYSTEMS THAN ANYONE IN THE COUNTRY! We find ourselves losing some of the political rewards of the system. Doesn't that make you mad? Aren't you the least bit sick of the whole situation? Why not make 1986 the time for us to decide not to allow this to happen to us anymore!

The 1986 elections are just around the corner. **We should begin to get actively involved in the process now so we can make a showing and an effort to get our issues addressed in the upcoming elections.**

For many, 1986 will be just another year with the same old problems and complaints. But for the politicians and their advisors this is the time to begin planning for the 1986 elections. Political parties are writing their own rules for their conventions and political activists are helping to write those rules so their candidates have a better chance for party endorsement.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS? Chances are, you, like many of your fellow citizens aren't aware that you should be concerned with all the activities going on now for the 1986 elections. If you and your friends and relatives aren't concerned, what chance do we Indians have in making changes in something that affects all of us?

If we decide to get involved, it will take time and a great deal of personal effort. However, it seems many of us are content to sit around and complain about the way we are treated. If we believe nothing will change, then nothing will change. All of what we complain about may be true, but no one is without a means of changing the system. We need to take individual responsibility to force the changes in the things we don't like.

Individually, we must involve ourselves in the workings of the political process at all levels. Remember, political office holders count votes. They don't count the number of **Possible** voters. . .they count voters. You and I must vote to be counted and at times **WE SHOULD VOTE AS A BLOCK. Indians may not have enough votes to win an election, but we have enough votes to decide who will win, or who will lose.** Once we begin to exercise our voting power, we will then begin to make changes we decide are necessary for our well being.

We should also begin to get involved in the political party process. It is easy to take over and become a major component within a political party. The secret is getting people who share your views on issues you consider important to attend precinct meetings where delegates are elected to higher party functions. Normally, those meetings aren't well attended and the folks who get their friends and relatives there can end up winning the election for delegates. Delegates are the ones who will carry your concerns and issues to those elected leaders who can make the changes you feel are needed. But you must back those delegates with your votes at election time and within the party. Once we're inside, we have a better chance of getting Indian concerns and issues heard and addressed.

I know many people don't want Indian participation within any political system. **WE ARE A THREAT TO THEIR POLITICAL POWER.** Their fear and apprehension can work to our favor as we sharpen our political skills and once again become masters of diplomacy.

2nd Chief Election Continued

cent, plus one vote.

Fife lost the election both times as the result of absentee votes. He later stated at a hearing before the National Council, "Is it right for absentee votes to determine the outcome of an election?" He went on to say, "Absentee voting procedures provide very little visual observation by a candidate or citizens, leaving too much room for suspicion of wrongdoing."

Beaver was issued a 'Certificate of Election' by the Creek Nation Election Board confirming his position as Second Chief on the merit that the official vote tally showed him the winner of the election.

Meantime, Fife filed a petition requesting the National Council authorize and initiate a full compliance audit to be conducted by an individual or firm which is independent from tribal government or tribal politics. He also asked for a reform of the absentee ballot procedure.

"Since Fife did not indicate in his petition that he was requesting a new election, nor did he deposit the required amount of money as set forth by the election ordinance for a recount to be administered, the Creek Nation Election Board deemed it proper and fitting to issue a certification to Beaver," stated one of the Election Board members. Adding, that there were no provisions in the Election Ordinance for an audit.

The Creek Nation Election Board consists of Greg Bigpond, Jonas Partridge, Martha Chalakee, and Susanna Willits. They were appointed by the Principal Chief and approved by the National Council. The Council has the option of not approving appointees and refering that position back to the Principal Chief for another selection.

As a result of the petition, the National Council conducted a hearing on July 25 in the Mound Auditorium. Carney Roberts, Council Speaker, was appointed by the Council to preside over the hearing as General Counsel. This action placed Second Speaker Alexander Thomas in charge of Council activities during the hearing.

At the hearing, Fife acknowledged the Council for their consideration. He stated, 'I know nothing requires you to hear me. . .I know nothing requires you to take any action as a result of what is going to be presented before you this evening." In his request for an audit, he said it would serve two purposes: (1) Clear the air of any allegations, or (2) Identify a majority of the problems he felt existed in our election rules and procedures. He said he was doing this in behalf of all future candidates wishing to seek an elected office.

Fife attacked the Muscogee Nation News as being used in a partisan manner. He said, "We recently had two elections for Second Chief. Both of these elections SEEM to have been decided by absentee votes. Both of these elections involved the tribal newspaper (MNN) and possibly involved tribal and federal funds, tribal personnel, tribal and federal equipment and supplies in a partisan form.

Further in his testimony, Fife stated: "I'm sure you all have seen the tribal newspaper and how this paper was involved in the Second Chief election. To my knowledge the tribal newspaper is funded by federal grants or contracts. It is a violation of federal contracting to use federal grant or contract funds in any political activity. He recommended an examination of the purpose of the Muscogee Nation News to determine if any violations occured.

The following are allegations brought forth in Fife's testimony and responses by the Creek Nation Election Board:

Fife: Four more absentee ballots were counted than the number of envelopes which were mailed in.

Election Board: This statement is incorrect. Envelopes received totaled 1501. The final tally of absentee ballots counted was 1471, excluding 30 void or spoiled, which, when added to the count equals the amount of 1501.

Fife: The number of absentee ballots reported to have been received was 1350 through the U.S. Mail. Absentee ballots counted number 1472. It was reported 122 ballots were drop-ins at either the Election Board office or precincts. However, Only 60 envelopes were without postmark. How do we acount for the other 62 envelopes which were supposedly drop-ins?

Election Board: This number was given to Mr. Fife the night of the election during the count as approximate. He was told at that time that this was not a correct figure. The figure would not be correct until after the logging in of voters could be completed. This statement can be substantiated by others present at that time.

Fife: There appears to be a discrepancy in the number of ballots used compared to the number of ballots counted in the Okmulgee Precinct. There needs to be a certified accounting of the Okmulgee Precinct.

Election Board: The accusation of a descrepency in the Okmulgee box is unfounded. 391 ballots were issued and 390 people voted. One voter marked his ballot in error and returned to the precinct workers and requested another one. The precinct workers then marked the ballot spoiled and re-issued the voter another ballot.

Fife: Competency of Election Board Chairman Gene Bigpond in his job on the Election Board has been questioned. My election worker, Robert Trepp, challenged two absentee envelopes which contained two ballots each. Mr. Bigpond stated that he would allow one ballot from each envelop to be counted. Mr. Trepp challenged this action. This action of Chairman Bigpond raised a question as to his competence as chairman.

Election Board: The claim of the incompetency of the Chairman, Mr. Bigpond by Mr. Fife is, in the opinion of the Election Board untrue. Mr. Bigpond conducted the counting of the absentee ballots as fair as possible to all voters. It is felt by the Board, that if there was any incompetency, it should be directed at the watchers assigned to the absentee ballots. Both watchers violated the rules set forth for watchers leaving the room where counting was being held during the counting. Also, Chairman Bigpond, on several occasions was forced to reprimand both watchers for handling and inspecting the envelopes during the count which was a violation. (Fife's watchers were Robert Trepp and Jorene Coker)

Fife: In addition, I request the examination of the competency of the Secretary of the Election Board of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (Election Board Secretary is Juliene Stone) My reasons for this request are the following violations of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election rules and regulations. Section 10-10 allows for absentee voting boards composed of two members (Articles 1 and 4.) However, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board Secretary commissioned a one-person board instead of the two-member board spelled out in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Laws (NCA 83-47).

Election Board: In other matters, the Board feels that the Secretary of the Election Board is quite competent. The absentee ballots delivered election day were transported by two people.

Fife: Local precinct voters have received unrequested absentee ballots.

Election Board: Absentee ballots are sent to people within the Creek Nation upon request. This has created problems, since often someone other than the voter requests a ballot to be sent to a person. The Board has requested a change in the by-laws to alleviate this problem.

Fife: Section 10-13 allows for examination of signatures and removal of outer envelopes. The inner envelopes marked 'absentee ballot' were not removed upon receipt and after verification of the signature on the outer envelopes as stated in the election laws. This was done at the time of counting on election day.

Election Board: The procedures practiced concerning the non-removal of the outer envelopes of the absentee ballots is a precautionary measure the Board feels will insure that all ballots will be accounted for when opened for counting in public view. This, in our opinion, leaves little room for doubt concerning ballot forgery.

Fife: Section 311 allows for the establishment of precincts with maps of precincts required. A map has not been maintained at all times in the Election Board Office nor has it been published annually in the Muscogee Nation News.

Election Board: A 3X4 map of the districts and precincts is on view at all times. This has been a practice in the Election Board office for many years. Also, to the best of our knowledge, a map is published annually by the Muscogee Nation News as requested.

Fife: NCA 83-25, Section 105 relates to the number of representatives required per district. This section has been violated by the Secretary of the Election Board since the certification required in Section 104 to be made know by posters to be distributed to Indian community organizations and centers, churches, ceremonial grounds, and other places where Indian people congregate was not publicized by poster.

Election Board: NCA 83-25, Section 105 was passed in July of 1983. At that time, the Board was unaware of this Bill. When notified, the communities were immediately notified through the local media. It was also published in the Muscogee Nation News.

After closing statements by both Fife and the Election Board Chairman, Greg Bigpond, the National Council heard statements by Floyd Jones and Loretta Kelly, both citizens of the Creek Nation. Jones stated, "Historically, there have been allegations of irregularities in every election held within the Creek Nation since the adoption of our Constitution and the enactment of election laws in 1981."

He said, "Our Nation is plagued with rumors of deceased people voting, absentee ballots being hand carried to out of state postoffices and mailed back to Creek Nation; of uncounted ballots being stored in various private garages." He then told the National Council that they had the power to insure free honest elections within the Creek Nation and asked that the certificate of election be rescinded and a new election for Second Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation be called, adding that they (the National Council) was their only remedy. He then submitted a list of 156 signatures which were not in proper form because the top of the pages did not contain what the signatures were going to be used for.

Loretta Kelly reported of the rumors being circulated among the Indian people in regard to the legitimacy of our elections. She stated, "It is not fair for the Indian people of our Nation to be plagued with rumors of unjust elections, ballot tampering, and an imperialistic tribal administration with each and every election that we, as a Nation conduct. She then put the burden of proof on the Creek Nation Election Board as to how the election was conducted. (Kelly recently ran for Okmulgee Representative and lost the election, she is a former Creek Nation employee.)

After the public statements, the National Council went into a closed meeting and emerged with several issues they said were irregular and deemed the Second Chief Election invalid. They later passed an ordinance to this effect ordering the Principal Chief to call a new election. The Principal Chief vetoed the ordinance stating the National Council did not have the authority to invalidate the election. The National Council overrode the Principal Chief's veto.

Beaver then filed an injunction in Creek District Court against the National Council, the Election Board and the Principal Chief. That hearing was held on Novembe[illegible] by District Judge Chinnubbi Mc[illegible] McIntosh was also the judge who officially swore Beaver into office after Beaver's certification by the Election Board.

Patrick Moore, Beaver's attorney, argued at the hearing that the National Council exercised a judicial power in making their decision and that power was reserved for the judicial branch of government only. The National Council's power is limited to legislation, or the making of laws, not the enforcement of them.

Robert Trepp argued the case for the National Council under the guise of attorney Phillip Perryman. Perryman was at one time the Creek Nation attorney until the same Council he now sat representing refused to renew his contract with the tribe.

Trepp argued, according to Election

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Ordinance 81-82, the Council had the right to perform functions in relation to election procedures. He also said under the 'elastic clause' the Council had quasi-judicial powers. Trepp stretched his so-called elastic clause to the maximum on behalf of the Council, applying it to Article VI, sec. 7 (j). To exercise any power not specifically set forth in this Article which may at some future date be exercised by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Trepp indicated time after time the powers of the National Council were unlimited. Moore refuted Trepp's argument each time quoting limitations set forth in the Creek Constitution and the United States Constitution which prohibited legislative branchs from overstepping their powers.

Moore pointed out that historically, this has always been a problem with that branch of government. This is the reason we have a three branch system. Check and balance offers our tribal government a more stablilzed atmosphere for conducting tribal matters.

Moore explained that this was the first instance NCA 81-82, sec. 819 implicating judicial power had been involved and was subject to a declaration of illegality.

Judge McIntosh did not attempt to make a decision that day and told the court he would have a decision by November 30. On November 27, he filed a rather sketchy version of a decision in which he also deemed the election invalid, but left it very open for appeal because of incomplete evidence due to faulty recording equipment. He stated, "This deficiency may be of sufficient concern to the participants to create ground for an appeal. This court, however, can and has made a finding based on its own notes, memory of the hearing and the fragmented transcript."

McIntosh also wrote, "This Court finds section 819 wording grants a judicial power beyond the scope of an administrative body." He instructed the Council to rewrite section 819, removing the judicial implications."

He also stated, "The National Council found fault with the election board handling of the run-off election and found that several violations of Ordinance 81-82 occured." He then wrote that he would not attempt to delve into the rational behind the Council's decision as it was not a part of this hearing.

McIntosh did not seem to mind how the Council went about making their decision or what they based their decision on. Factfinding was restricted from his court. He zeroed in on wording that had never before been tested in our courts and then ordered that same wording be removed, but only after he based his own decision on it??????????

An amicus brief filed by George Almerigi questioning the fact that the National Council failed to use the term "impossible to determine" refering to who won the election in their determination to invalidate the election. McIntosh stated it was a moot (debatable) point as to the wording used by the National Council. Section 819 of the election code stresses: "In the event, after a hearing is conducted, it is deemed impossible to determine to whom a Certificate of Election shall be issued. . ."

In his own instance, McIntosh relied heavily upon specific wording to base his decision when he interpreted judicial power belonging to the Council. In Almerigi's question about specific wording used by the Council, it didn't seem to matter.

At this time, no date has been set for the Supreme Court hearing.

Music Ministry Videotapes at Prison

A videotape aimed at crime prevention through alcohol and drug abuse awareness among Native American youth, is being currently produced by the Creek Nation Communications Department in conjunction with Morning Star Ministries, a locally-based Indian ministries.

The videotape is the concept of Negiel Bigpond, President of the ministries, and will be produced by the Communications Department, which will also provide production services and facilities.

The goal of the 25-minute tape, which will consist of interviews with American Indian inmates and guard at McAlester State Prison and Mabel Bassett Correctional facility for women, is primarily drug education. The tape, secondly, is designed to serve as a deterrent to criminal offenses leading to incarceration for American Indian youth."It is our goal portray the reasons for incarceration through the videtaped interviews, which will point out the relationship of these crimes to alcohol and drug abuse," said Bigpond.

Citing the factors that have contributed to the high rate of substance abuse (defined as drug, alcohol or inhalant abuse) among Indian youth, Jay Whitecrow, Executive Director of the Tulsa Indian Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, noted that a decline in spiritual values, societal pressures, the breakdown of family values, and deceptive media messages concerning alcohol and drugs, all played their part in the abuse of these substance in our youth. " We suffer from a great spiritual malady and that coupled with the pressures of society that take both parents out of the home to work for family survival, the rampant availability of these substances, plus the deceptive glamorization of drug use by the media, with you and your peers constantly being bombarded by the message that it is alright to drink or be a user - it all totals up to abuse for our youth, " he related.

Bigpond feels that incarceration, while upholding law and justice, presents a complex problem that is not only social in nature, but spiritual as well. "It is the goal of the ministry to positively impact the problem by educating our youth to what substance abuse can lead to," he said.

Morning Star has a strong prison outreach program and has had an effective ministry at the state prison in presenting the message of Christ and the miraculous power of God to transform the lives of the prisoners.

CREEK NATION 1985 PRINCESS Rhonda Richard is shown with Woodrow Haney, well known Creek traditionalist at the First Annual Miss Indian U.S.A. Pageant held November 25 in Washington, D.C.

CN Princess Visits D.C.

Rhonda Richard, the 1985 Creek Nation Princess, from Checotah, was recently honored by an invitation to attend the First Annual National Miss Indian U.S.A. Pageant held November 25 in Washington, D.C.

The 18-year old Creek beauty, accompanied by Chaparone Rita Williams, also attended the Benefit Gala at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and other events of the American Heritage Week, which included a National Indian Awareness Campaign and National Walk In Beauty Seminar. The Pageant and other events were sponsored by the American Indian Heritage Foundation, under the direction of Princess Pale Moon, founder and president of the Foundation.

Mary Martha Moore, Quapaw/Osage from Miami, OK won the title of Miss Indian U.S.A.; First Runner-Up went to Laurel Ilena Anquoe, Kiowa/Onondaga from Norman, Ok; Second Runner-Up went to Doreen Elizabeth Brown, Yupik Eskimo/Ingalik Athabaskan, of Anchorage, Alaska and Third Runner-Up went to Luanne Jamieson, Seneca, of Bason, New York. Miss Walk In Beauty was Tracy Clark, Kiowa/Pawnee from Lawton, OK.

The Master of Ceremonies at the Pageant was Sammy Tonekei White of Oklahoma City; Bert Parks was the Emcee; and other Hollywood celebrities attending included Claude Akins, Nia Peeples and Will Sampson. Other well-known Indians attending included Woodrow Haney from Tulsa and Johnny Bearfoot Davis of Washington.

While in the Capitol, Rhonda visited various historic sights - Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Viet Nam Memorial, The Whitehouse, Peace Park, Iwo Jima Statue, Arlington Statue and a tour of the Department of the Interior.

Rhonda expressed her thanks to the Creek Nation for providing her with the trip and giving her the chance to experience something that will someday be history - the first National Miss Indian U.S.A. Pageant.

Rhonda feels that the trip was a learning experience for herself and for the other girls in finding out about one another's culture and traditions. "It felt so good to be in the midst of Indian people who shared a common interest."

However exciting the sights and sounds of the Pageant and other events were, Rhonda related that the true highlight of her trip was in meeting a 75-year old Northern Cheyenne elder - Austin Two Moons. Rhonda related that she met Mr. Two Moons at a Press Conference held for the pageant contestants - he began to talk with Rhonda about the importance of preserving the traditions of the people which were unique and had always been the strength and unity among the tribes. "I felt like I had walked with this remarkable man in another land and time," she said. "He was a perfect example of what an elder should be and his sense of what being Indian is all about, had a tremendous impact on me," she continued.

Other activities of the week-long gala included; a national Indian Art Show that included 25 outstanding professional Indian artists - the "Indian Artist of the Year" award went to Lucy Lewis, 85. Also voted as the 1985 National American Indian Senior Citizen of the Year was Annie Wauneka, "The First Lady of Navajo Nation politics." The National American Indian Poster Child of the Year was five year old Cherokee Greendeer.

Rhonda is the daughter of Wesley and Shirley Richards and the granddaughter of Eastman Richard of Muskogee.

Creek Rural Churches Receive Water Grants

By Gary Robinson

Fifteen rural Indian Churches have been awarded grants by Creek Nation to improve water and sewer facilities on their church ground. There are 70 Indian Churches scattered through the eight counties that make up Creek Nation. Many of these churches suffer from sub-standard water and waste disposal systems.

Funds for the grants are part of the Tribe's Community Development Program administered by Creek Nation's Community Services Department. The grant program was created through legislation by the Creek National Council and approved by Chief Cox earlier this year, though it's been in development since 1979. This tribal law makes funds available for both Creek Churches and ceremonial grounds. To date, only three ceremonial grounds have submitted applications.

"Well water in many rural areas is no longer safe to drink," stated Steve Wilson, Community Services Department Manager. "Since federal funds cannot by used for these health improvements, tribal administrtion decided to meet the need on its own.

Staff-members of the Okmulgee Indian Health Service office provide Consultant services and technical assistance to Creek Nation staff in designing specifics for each project. Both Indian and non-Indian contractors are being hired by the Churches to do the work which includes installation of new water lines, construction of bathrooms and installation of septic tanks and sewer lines.

"When I was growing up, our family spent a lot of time at the church grounds. Wilson said. Our lives revolved around the church. Our drinking water came from an open spring on the Church property and all the Indians in the area got their daily drinking water from that spring. All that's changed now. The spring's gone dry."

Once a month each church holds its "fourth Sunday" - a full day of worship, study, fellowship and food. Family members from all around converge on the churches at these times and heavy demands are placed on water and bathroom facilities. With the grant funds, many churches will be getting running water for the first times.

From April to October, members of Creek ceremonial grounds camp out at their sites several weekends to carry on tribal traditions. Water has to be carried in to many of these locations. Some have shallow wells for drinking water. Running water and flush toilets are uncommon in these settings.

Grant applications are being accepted by Wilson's office on a continuing basis until the funds are depleted.

THE OKLAHOMA CITY AREA MUSCOGEE CREEK ASSOCIATION HELD A CHRISTMAS DINNER AND TOY DISTRIBUTION on December 3 at the Native American Center. Representing Creek Nation were (right) Perry Beaver and Chubby Anderson (left). Approximately 400 people attended the event which featured entertainment by the Berryhill Family of Okemah and the Native American Singers under the direction of George Bunny. An Exhortation was given by Alvin Deere prior to the distribution of toys. The toys were provided by the Creek Nation through the nationally-acclaimed prison inmate toy project, the Ayuda Toy Program. Anderson and Beaver distributed the toys to each of the children in attendance. The evening ended with a moving traditional Creek church hymn and prayer.

Haskell Alumni Celebrate

By Ethel Torres

The Annual Alumni reunion of the Oklahoma Chapter of Haskell Indian Jr. College was planned to coincide with the National Congress of American Indians which was holding their week long annual meeting at the Sheraton-Kensington in Tulsa,Oklahoma. A very busy informative week with many well-known speakers. The Oklahoma Federation of Indian women were hostessing and manning the information stands all week. Haskell held a membership drive all week. A reception was held for the Haskell Alumni Friday night in the hotel with many attending, much visiting, and many renewals of friendships. The Haskell Alumni National Board of Directors held their meeting, also.

On Saturday there was a Billy Mills Run--Tennis Tournament--Golf Tournament. Saturday evening was the Banquet. Speakers were: Dr.Gerald Gipp, President of Haskell, Billy Mills, Jim Thompson, President of the Oklahoma Chapter, and J.B. Dreadfulwater, Duane Pratt gave the invocation.

A segment of the Billy Mills movie "Running Wild" was shown. The Buster Charles award was presented as well as Buster Charles himself--who was present.

Held was a drawing on many donated items which were raffled to raise funds for alumni expenses. The raffle on a quilt donated by Ethel Torres of Weleetka to raise funds for the Dr. William H. Coleman Scholarship fund for Haskell Junior College's deserving students as an emergency loan-was won by Ann Phillips of Bethel, Alaska.

The dancing started immediately after the Banquet until 1:00 a.m. approximately.

Anyone 13 years old--17 years who wants to enter the Junior-Miss Indian Oklahoma contest should send for forms for entering to Mrs. Shirley Wapskineh (the contest directors) 515 S.E. 45th St. Oklahoma City--73129 The winner will be declared March 8 1986.

OKFUSKEE Community News

By Mary Walters

The Okfuskee Community held their monthly meeting at Sam Coopers' residence. We are glad that Sam is back home and gets better.

Two of our members could not attend the meeting because of the weather and illness. And we are sorry to hear that one of our members is moving out of state. We wish them luck in the future and in traveling. They will be missed in our community. For this month we had two birthdays, Ashley and Patrick Bear. Happy Birthday to them. Also we will have a Thanksgiving dinner on Thanksgiving Day. Community would like to thank everyone that came out and participated in our fund raising which was held Nov.9. We also have an Archery Shoot the last Saturday of each month starting at 1:00 o'clock, games are played afterwards.

Creek Elected OIAC Vice-Chair

A Creek tribal member, Dr. Ruth Arrington, was recently elected by the members of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission (OIAC) to serve that organization as vice-chairperson. Her tenure as chairperson will continue through FY-87.

Dr. Arrington is a graduate of Northeast High School, Oklahoma City. She holds a B.A in Speech from the former Oklahoma College for Women (presently University of Sciences & Arts of Oklahoma) (USAO) Chickasha, Oklahoma: her M.A. in Speech was accomplished at the University of Michigan: and her Ph.D. in Speech was awarded by Louisiana State University. Her Dissertation topic was, "Speech Activities in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Cherokee Nation, during the 1870's. "

Professionally, Dr. Arrington is Professor of Speech and Coordinator of Indian Studies at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Through her position at the University, she is able to provide the OIAC with current overviews and information relative to tribal students in various academes. Her tireless efforts as an Indian leader include membership (s) in National/State/Tribal educational associations, as well as numerous seatings on planning/evaluation committees related to all facets of education.

In addition to her contributions to the well-being of Indian people through her educational profession, the wide range of other activities that occupy her busy schedule, mark her total career contributions as viable and beneficial to all population segments within the State.

Among her honors, appointments and awards, Dr. Arrington was selected by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women as Outstanding Indian Woman in 1972, served as a member of the Oklahoma Humanities Committee (now Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities), received an award of commendation from her tribe, the Creeks, in 1978, and in 1983 was presented the Cultural Achievement Award for Oklahoma by the American Association of University Women. Her abilities as a speaker, director of drama, and actress have also gained national recognition.

Dr.Arrington was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma and grew up in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Presently her family lives in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Bureau Of Census Meet With Oklahoma Tribes

The Bureau of Census met in Oklahoma City, October 30-31 with Indian Tribes to review the 1980 Census data collection procedures and to obtain tribal input into the development of a tabulation system for the 1990 report that will appropriately meet the statistical needs of the American Indian population. A major problem identified by the tribes was that funding agencies only accept statistics compiled by the Bureau of Census. Unfortunately, the 1980 census report failed to tabulate tribal population by service area. Consequently, the tribes did not consider the Census Bureau count helpful and in many instances saw it as being detrimental to their cause when requesting funding from various governmental agencies. They agreed to work more closely with tribal governments in the development of a more useful statistical profile of the American Indian population for the 1990 report.

OBITUARIES

WILLIE KELLY

Willie Kelly, 68, of Henryetta,died Oct. 18 in Okmulgee. He was born April 20, 1917. Funeral services were held October 21 in the Shurden Chapel with Rev. Dan Phillips officiating. Interment was in the New Senora Cemetery.

He is survived bv his wife. Esther Kelly of the home a daughter, Wanda Froman of Stillwater; three sons, Earl Kelly of Okmulgee, Leroy Kelly of Okla. City, and Bill Kelly of Jackfork, OK.; a sister, Louisa West of Weleetka; eleven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a host of relatives.

WADE BUCKTROT

Wade Bucktrot, 63, of Bristow, died Nov.3 at the Muskogee V.A. Hospital. He was a lifetime resident of Bristow.

Mr. Bucktrot was born January 8, 1922 in Newby, Oklahoma and was a member of the Mutteloke Methodist Church. He served in World War II.

Graveside rites were held at the Bucktrot Family Cemetery south of Bristow.

He is survived by five sons, Wade Jr., Robert Allen Sr., Jerry Lee and Michael Eugene Bucktrot of Stilwell; one daughter, Mona Lisa Gibbs of Sapulpa; five sisters, Phoebe Jones of Bristow, Hazel Tiger of Cromwell, Ruth Crittendon of Stilwell, Susannah Wilson of Haskell and Alice Wheeler of Bristow; and 14 grandchildren.

ISABEL HARDRIDGE

Isabel Hardridge, 59, lifetime resident of Okmulgee, died Nov. 6 in a Tulsa hospital.

Mrs. Hardridge was born Sept. 24, 1926 in Okmulgee. She was a former employee of Ball Corp. and a member of the Honeycreek Methodist Church where she held several office and was active in the church for many years. She was preceeded in death by her husband, Richard D. Hardridge in March of 1978.

Funeral services were held Nov. 11 at the Honeycreek Church with Revs. Thomas Long and Elmer Berryhill officiating. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Survivors include two sons, Robert and Benjamin Hardridge of Okmulgee; three brothers, Eugene and George Sunny of Okmulgee and Tom Sunny of Tulsa; five sisters, Mary and Josephine Sunny of Okmulgee, Peggy Chalakee of Okmulgee, Joanne Dunn of Morris, and Betty Woodfield of Okmulgee.

LUCILLE HICKS

Funeral services for Lucille Hicks, 63, were held December 2 at the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church. Rev. Bill Grass and Rev. Harley Barnoski officiated.

Interment was in the Church Grounds Cemetery.

Mrs. Hicks was born May 2, 1922 at Henryetta, died November 28 at Claremore. She was preceded in death by a son Carey Dean Hicks in 1976. She was a member of the Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Charles J. Hicks, of the home in Henryetta; two sons, Richard A. Hicks, Henryetta, and Lesl[illegible] D. Hicks, Tulsa; two daughters, La[illegible]la L. McGee of Sand Springs, and Tonya D. Hicks of the home; one sister, Juanita Dunson of Henryetta; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

WILLIS BROOKS SMITH

Funeral services for Willis B. Smith were held Nov. 2 at the Assembly of God Church in Dustin, Ok.

Mr. Smith was born September 22, 1898 in Spokogee Indian Territory.

Officiating the service were Revs. Jack Hayhurst and Derrall Summers. Interment was in the Smith Family Cemetery in Dustin.

Mr. Smith was a descendent of John G. Smith. He had nine children and several grandchildren and great-grand children.

WALTER NASH

Walter Nash, age 67 died at an area hospital on Nov. 11. Funeral services were held at the First Indian Baptist Church of Okmulgee on Tuesday Nov. 19. Rev. Bridge Chuckluck officiated the service interment was in the Tuskegee Cemetery.

Mr. Nash was born April 25, 1918 and was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church.

Mr. Nash is survived by two sisters, Zelia Stephenson and Marie Lathers, both of Tulsa.

DAN MORGAN SR.

Funeral Service for Dan Morgan Sr., 64, were held December 9 in the Cantrell Ivory Chapel with Rev. Bob Baldridge and Rev. Almer Berryhill officiating the service.

Interment was in the Morgan Family Cemetery west of Okmulgee.

Mr. Morgan died Dec. 5. He was born Dec. 2, 1921 in Okmulgee County. He was a retired oilfield worker and veteran of World War II. He was married to Pauline Harjo in 1948 at Sapulpa.

Survivors include his wife of the home; two sons, Kenneth Morgan and Emanuel Morgan both of Okmulgee; three daugthers, Juanita Baldridge of Coweta, Rachel Thomas and Dinah Mitchell both of Okmulgee; 17 grandchildren. A son Dan Morgan Jr. (Bunny) preceded him in death in January of 1984.

RUBY HAYNIE

Funeral services for Ruby Haynie, 83 were held December 9, at the First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Haynie was a longtime resident of Broken Arrow. She was full blood Creek and a descendant of Chief Roley McIntosh.

Mrs. Haynie, served two terms as president of the Council of American Indians and was a member of the Creek Tribal Council, First Methodist Church and the Historical Society. She was also president of Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity.

Her husband Rulison Haynie, preceded her in death in 1972, he was also a full-blood Creek and he also served as president of the Council of American Indians.

Survivors include two sons, Elliot "Bim" Bruner of Broken Arrow, and Fred Haynie of Houston; two stepdaugthers, Mary Elizabeth Gerren and Cheneya Holladay both of Broken Arrow; a brother, Clarence Childers of Yukon; 10 granchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

FREELAND "BUD" MOORE

Services for Freeland "Bud" Moore, 66 of Eufaula were held September 3, at Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church Revs. Thompson Billy, Gary Hawkins and Dan Phillips officiated the service. Songs were sung by the Little Coweta Choir were: "When the Roll is called up Yonder", "In the Garden", "I'll Rise Again" and two Creek Songs. A special song "Precious Memories" was sang by Washington Cummings Jr. Burial was in the Little Coweta Cemetary.

Pallbearers were, John Sloan, Jim Davis, Adam Jones, Jr., Daniel Deere, Gary Hawkins and Danny Williams.

Mr. Moore was born November 18, 1918 in Richardsville, he died August 30 in Eufaula Municipal Hospital.

He was a deacon at Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church and was ordained February 17, 1963 and lived most of his life in the Eufaula area. He was a retired shoe repairman.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore, one son, Butch, a daughter, Sharon Kay "Ginger" Mustin and a brother Jimmy "Sonny" Moore.

He is survived by his wife, Maybell of the home, three sons, Johnny Kilgore of Eufaula, Michael Smith of McAlester, Bob Goad of Brighton, Co.; five daughters, Mary Ann Day, Pat Dominic and Linda Cummings all of Eufaula, Betty Jean White of Medford, Or. and Rickie Carol Harjo of Wewoka, five sisters; Susie Phillips of Muskogee, Helen Mitchell of Lenna, Jeanetta Barnett of Stidham, Bessie Hammer of Core and Lula Sorgee of New Jersey; 23 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

The family of Freeland "Bud" Moore would like to take this time to thank Creek Nation for all their help during and after the funeral. We also thank the doctors, nurses and all the workers at the Eufaula Indian Health Center.

Many thanks goes to the Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church for a their work and many acts of kindness

LETTER TO THE CREEKS
From Reverend Ernest Best

"Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name, Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

"But when the fullness of time was come, God sent forth His Son, made of a woman." Galatians 4:4

As we move into the Christmas season, looking forward to the joy it brings, our minds go back to Christmases past and our hearts rejoice as we reminisce. As each Christmas approached, our church and family would work hard preparing a truly meaningful Christmas program that would present the gospel message to those attending. We worked and prayed, and laughed and cried. When the night came, the Lord would pull it all together and bless in tremendous ways. Each year had it's own special blessings. When our family went home after the program each year, we always felt that we had had our Christmas. The true joys of Christmas are found only in knowing Jesus Christ as our personal Savior and in serving Him. Then, there is joy unspeakable and full of glory!

I had a very full month in November. After leaving the Pauite reservation in Nevada, I traveled to the Hoopa Indian reservation in northern California. I was in revival there for almost 1 1/2 weeks. God blessed with one lady coming to the Lord for salvation and many rededications. God was truly at work.

I then preached in a revival in Oakland, California. God moved in the hearts of his people to bring them closer to himself. The great need in the church is for unity and committment. Praise God for his faithfulness to speak to his people.

While there, I visited Alcatraz Prison. As I toured through the prison, I stood in the prison cells and looked through the small windows overlooking the San Francisco Bay and the city of San Francisco. I could see the ships and sail boats, as well as the vehicles on the city streets. How sad it would be locked in there, so close to freedom that you could see it, and yet so far away. I thought of our Indian people, locked up in Satan's prison of sin ...lives destroyed, hopeless. Yet freedom is so close, in the salvation of Jesus Christ. However until a person accepts that salvation, the freedom cannot be enjoyed. May God help.

When I left Oakland, I then went to Los Angeles, California for a week in revival. God moved in the heart of the people there also. There were many who came for prayer and committment of their lives to serve the Lord. One young man came for salvation. Though we saw God at work, yet the Pastor and I still long to see real revival among God's people. There must be a real moving of God's Spirit that will change lives.

These were all Indian churches in California. There are many thousands of Indians in California in the big metropolitan areas and several small reservations, however there are only a couple of other Indian Baptist churches. There is a great need for laborers in that field.

The last week of November, I spent at home having Thanksgiving with my family. I thank the Lord for this week off at home. I am now on my way to New Mexico to spend some time among the Navajo Indians.

What a joy it is to serve our Lord as a reaper in His fields that are white unto harvest. Please pray that God will continue to give strength and vision to us as we serve him.

Your missionaries to the North American Indians,
Bro. Earnest & Bennie Best

Russell Johnson

Janet Dee Johnson

Creek Students Named to Honor Roll

Janet Dee Johnson, 9 year old 4th grade student at Konawa Elementary, has been named to the Superintendent's Honor Roll (no grade lower than an A) for the first nine-week period.

Janet is member of the Cold Springs Baptist Church, Wolf, and serves as song leader. She also enjoys playing the piano and basketball with the Elementary School as a forward. She has been a member of the Gifted Class for four years.

Janet is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Linda (Sulphur) Johnson. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Eliza (Emarthle) Johnson and the late Mr. Newman Johnson. Maternal grandparents are Mr. Woodrow Sulphur, Sr., of Eufaula and the late Mrs. Eleanor (Brown) Sulphur.

Russell Johnson is also a 4th grade student at Konawa Elementary and he has been named to the Principal's Honor Roll (no grade lower than a B) for the first nine week period.

He is also a member of the Cold Springs Baptist Church. He plays basketball with the Konawa Elementary School.

Sally Johnson is his mother. Mrs. Eliza (Emarthle) Johnson and the late Mr. Newman Johnson are his maternal grandparents.

Wilson School Organizes Native American Club

Wilson High School in Wilson, Oklahoma has formed a "Native American Club" for our students. Students met October 30, 1985, elected officers and discussed the purpose of the club and some things our Indian students would like to see happen with the club during this school year. Students decided the purpose of this new club would be to study and promote Native American Heritage through crafts and other activities. Field trips to tribal offices were discussed along with inviting resource people to our school. Membership includes grade 9 thru 12. For the first meeting we had 42 members attend. We hope to have an active club this year and promote our heritage throughout the school and community. Elected officers were: President: Jackie Tucker, Cherokee/Choctaw. First Vice-President: Henry Hickman, Chickasaw/Choctaw. Second Vice-President: Frankie Hodges, Choctaw. Secretary, Shelley Vernon, Pottawatomi. Treasurer: Kristi Eubanks, Pottawatomi. Reporters: Dayle Ann Vernon, Choctaw; Jerry Meloy, Cherokee. Parliamentarian: Charlie Burks, Cherokee, Creek. Sargent at Arms: Don Blodgett, Cherokee/Choctaw; Eddie Howard, Cherokee; Johnny Hartman, Mississippi Choctaw

THE HERITAGE

There was the First American - someone called him Indian - Who rode the plains and walked beneath the sun and called nature's Universe his own.

Proud he was, though fierce and calm, At peace within the world and with himself. Until the Eastern Plague reduced him to a whisper on the land. And made him feel he was no more a man.

His cry went up, but no one heard or cared, For times had changed, and he was only in the way: A thing to look upon and pity, to mock, or kill, But never to let stay.

His tears increased with white man's numbers, Flowed the more as he moved farther from his home Into a barren land marked his by government decree, Where he could live but nevermore be free.

His heritage - this First American's - is ours, If we can read his story from the books and by his blood and pain, resolve to end the suffering and the shame Inflicted on some brother in Progress' sacred name.

JO ANN DILLSAVER
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Creek Nation Medical Facilities Handled 39,000 Outpatients

By Gary Robinson

A total of 39,000 medical outpatient visits were handled last fiscal year by the Creek Nation Clinics, according to James Floyd, Director of the tribe's Community Services Division. Additional 9,005 dental patient visits were recorded as well.

"These totals are important for two reasons," Floyd said. "First because the Indian Health Service determines our level of funding from them, and second because they reveal just how efficiently that funding is being utilized."

The Creek Nation operates Indian Health Clinics in Eufaula, Okemah and Sapulpa and a Dental Clinic in Okmulgee. These were formerly operated by the Indian Health Service (IHS). Since the tribe assumed control of the clinics in 1982, the outpatient workload has increased an impressive 65 per cent.

In spite of limited funding, the Sapulpa and Eufaula Health Centers have obtained and maintained Accreditation from the Joint Commission of American Hospitals (JCAH). "This positive growth has taken place in spite of the fact the IHS health care budget has not kept pace with inflation or the increased workload," said Floyd.

Creek Nation has had to adjust a few health care services to make up for this financial shortfall. For example, clinic pharmacies no longer carry common, over-the-counter drugs. However, over $600,000 is spent annually by the clinics on prescription drugs for Indian patients. This is the second largest line item in the Creek Nation health care budget.

"This tribal government is dedicated to doing everything possible to meet the health care needs of Indian people in our area," Floyd stated. "Two-hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) from bingo revenues and $200,000 from oil royalty leases have been applied to outstanding medical bills just since August this year. These funds paid for specialty care referral expenses not allowable by IHS regulations," he explained.

Two years ago, Creek Nation's health care system was featured on the public television program, "Nova". This probing documentary focused on the national crisis in Indian Health. The Creek Nation was featured as a model system, to be patterned by other tribes. The tribe was the first to contract for its own hospital, and the first to operate more than one health facility.

A Message for Older Adults...

Cold Weather is Dangerous!

Winter creates a special danger for older adults because many are vulnerable to cold. In cold weather, millions of older people risk developing a dangerous condition called Hypothermia, which means low body temperature. It is caused by exposure to cold. The most common victims are older persons who have difficulty keeping themselves or their homes warm.

In order for your body to work properly, its temperature needs to be around 98.6 degrees F. If cold causes your body temperature to drop below 95 degrees F., your heart begins to slow down, your body becomes weak and your mind becomes confused. You could die.

Many things increase the risk of becoming hypothermic; living in a cold house, alcohol, taking certain prescription drugs, poor diet, stroke or diabetes.

Danger Signals of Hypothermia

If you see an older relative or friend with **any of these signs,** it could mean that they are suffering from hypothermia; **confusion, difficulty speaking, shivering, slow breathing, sleepy and hard to wake up, cold and stiff muscles, puffy face, stomach cold to the touch, forgetfulness, trembling on one side of the body or in one arm or leg.**

If you suspect hypothermia, **you should;** keep calm, call a doctor or local emergency room, handle the person very gently, protect the person from the cold with blankets, quilts, towels, or extra clothes.

Do not give hot drinks or hot food, do not raise the legs or place hot water bottles on the feet, do not place the person in a hot shower or bath. Do not give any alcohol or drugs, do not massage the arms or legs.

For Assistance

WITH HEATING YOUR HOME: Contact your state or local Energy Assistance Program. They may be able to provide money for energy bills and other assistance.

WITH OTHER SERVICES: Contact your State or Area Agency on Aging. They can direct you to many services that are available in your community.

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT PUBLIC SERVICE OF OKLAHOMA'S Special Programs for older adults: Contact your nearest PSO District office.

REMEMBER! The best way to prevent hypothermia is to stay warm. If room temperatures are cool or cold, dress warmly. This is your strongest defence against hypothermia!

Tips for Cold Weather

Dress warmly with several layers of clothes. Avoid tight clothing. Loose clothes will trap a lot more warm air around your body. Mittens are warmer than gloves.

Keep your clothes dry and change long underwear or socks if they become damp or wet. Wear a windproof outer layer when you are outdoors.

Keep your hands and feet warm. If they are cold, put on a hat. This will cause your body to send more warm blood to the hands and feet. Use a warm scarf to cover your neck. At night use water bottles, heating pads and electric blankets to keep your bed warm. Wear a nightcap.

STEVE WILSON, LEFT, MANAGER OF THE CN DIVISION OF COMMUNITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, PRESENTS A LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO OKMULGEE MAYOR JAMES MILROY, during Thanksgiving Dinner held at the CN Complex Dining Hall. The honor was bestowed to Mayor Milroy in appreciation for his support of the various activities and functions of the Creek Nation, such as the Festival and Rodeo, that are held throughout the year.

Johnson O'Malley Budget Cuts Protested By U.S. Senators

WASHINGTON---Senator Jeff Bingaman has joined more than a dozen other Senators to protest cuts in Indian public school funding.

Language in the Senate Interior Appropriations bill for Fiscal 1986 calls for sharp cut in Johnson O'Malley program funding within the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The program funds public schools attended by thousands of Indian children.

Among the hardest hit will be schools in New Mexico, where funding will be slashed in half. The state ranks second in the nation, with 27,550 students that participate in Johnson O'Malley programs. New Mexico contracts with tribes and tribal organizations to run these programs and has no state educational agency contracts. Tribal contracts are those that will be most affected.

The Johnson O'Malley program in FY 1985 served 117,157 Indian students in public schools nationwide at a funding level of $28,857,000. Under the Bill the number of students will remain the same, but the funding will be cut to $20 million. Some 53,539 students will be served at the same per pupil level as before with funding at $10,646,000. They are the students in Johnson O'Malley programs run by the states or which do not have BIA or contract schools. The rest of the students -- the 123,618 children served by tribal contract programs -- would share the remaining $9,354,000.

Bingaman and 13 other Senators wrote the Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Interior Appropriations protesting the cut. "We do not feel", they wrote, "that tribal contractors should have to bear the total burden of the cut in funding the JOM program in order to keep certain contractors at last year's level.

They added: "Essentially, the net result of this bill language will be to hold harmless (not reduce funding for) 30 percent of the students while forcing 70 percent to absorb an $8 million reduction. The average payment for those held harmless, based on the FY '85 student population, would be $199 per child, while the average payment for all others would be about $76 per child".

The Senators insisted that it is unfair to penalize some students simply because their Johnson O'Malley program is run by the tribe for the public school. They urged the Subcommittee of the language and Subcommittee Chairman -- Senator James McClure (R-ID) -- to review the impact of the language and have it struck when the bill comes to the Senate floor within the next few weeks.

Tribes Asked to Vote On J.O.M. Revision

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary Hazel Elbert asked tribal and Alaska Native leaders in a letter dated November 14 to vote on a revision of the formula for the distribution of Johnson O'Malley (JOM) funds. JOM funds are used for special programs for Indian students attending public schools. In her letter, Elbert listed seven formula options.

The tribes and Alaska villages have 60 days in which to vote, beginning December 3 and ending January 31. Revision of the formula is required periodically by Public Law 95-561. Many tribes and villages have presented comments and recommendations about changes in the distribution formula.

The present formula is based in part on what the state spends per pupil for education--which tends to give the states spending more a greater share of the JOM funds. "Many tribes feel there is a need for a more equitable distribution of funds," said a Bureau of Indian Affairs education spokesman.

Consultations about the formula were held with tribes last summer. All tribes and Alaska Native villages are allowed one vote. Some of the larger tribes consider this unfair since the smallest tribe has the same influence as the largest. For more information about the options and the voting procedure contact Maribel Printup, BIA office of Education Programs, Washington D.C., at (202-343-6364)

California Creek Attains Success

Kenneth R. Taylor, a Creek native Oklahoman, now living in California, was the subject of a feature article published by the Los Angeles Times recently. Taylor, the son of Alice Taylor and the late Hully Taylor or Henryetta, OK., was lauded on his uncanny ability as a cross-country running coach.

Employed by the Sherman Indian High School in Riverside, California as Athletic Director, Taylor has been hailed as one of the best cross-country coaches in the nation by an international cross-country running publication for his eleven successful years at Sherman Indian High. The all-Indian high school was named among the top 50 high school teams in the country this past year - thanks to Taylor's fine ability as a coach. He has lost one dual meet since 1974.

Taylor, who grew up in a Boarding School, attributes his success with the students and their running abilities, to knowing what type of life these students come from and the fact that often there is so little to do on the reservations that they come from that they initiate their own activities - thus running to win becomes their goal.

Students attending Sherman High, located on 88 acres in a college-type setting, come from across the nation and the 600-plus student body is made up of many diverse tribes - Hopis, Pimas, Papagos, Apaches, Navajos and many Oklahoma Indians. Here the students find not only one of the best schools to showcase their athletic ability, under the tutelage of one of the best athletic directors in the country, but find a home as well. The Bureau of Indian Affairs-funded school offers eight campus dorms, dining hall, indoor pool, health clinic and programs to fit the individual needs of the students, who often cannot get along in other academic settings. One program is specifically designed for single mothers working toward a high school degree.

However the main attraction of the school is, according to the students, is the fine running program and their coach and friend, Kenneth Taylor.

Taylor is a graduate of Haskell Institute in Lawrence, Kansas and Azuza Pacific College in Azuza, California.

Urban Health Center Named After Creek

This Article was sent to us by Geronimo Alexander, Albuquerque, N.M. Mr. Alexander is the brother of the late Mrs. Vera Hunter. The Hunter's were honored September 28 at a dedication ceremony for renaming the Wichita Urban Indian Health Care Center to Hunter Health Clinic. The emphasis of the Hunter Health Clinic will continue quality comprehensive health care to the 3,200 American Indian people, as well as to meet the health care needs of the medically underserved of Sedgwick County, Kansas.

"Medically underserved" is a term used at Hunter Clinic, referring to those who aren't poor enough to qualify for free medical treatment, but who do not have the insured medical care so many take for granted. Hunter Health Clinic will offer such people its array of medical, dental and mental-health services, while continuing to concentrate a major portion of its outreach on Wichita's Indian population.

As well, it's fitting that the clinic's board of trustees chose to honor the two prominent local Indian leaders, Jay and Vera Hunter, in renaming the facility. Jay Hunter, who died in 1981, was a teacher who served as executive director of the Mid-America All-Indian Center from 1971 to 1979. Vera Hunter, also a teacher, advised Indian students in the Wichita public schools during the 1970's. She died in 1984. Both devoted much of their lives to helping Indians bridge the cultural obstacles posed by urban life.

The clinic's name and mission change in this, it's 10th year, symbolize its continued desire to afford Wichita's Indians quality health care, and its new desire to extend such care to others not now enjoying it.

In a letter to the chairman of the board of Hunter Clinic, U.S. Senator Bob Dole cited Jay and Vera Hunter as not abandoning the values they grew up with or the compassion for troubled or lonely people. He also cited, "The clinic will do more than bear their name. Inevitably, it will also evoke their spirit, their quest for greater understanding, their compassion for the less fortunate."

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SGT. FIRST CLASS MITCHELL, OF THE U.S. ARMY RECRUITMENT OFFICE IN HENRYETTA, presents an American flag to Dan Phillips, Vice-President of the Dewar Community Center during the Veteran's Day Dinner held at the Center recently.

Indian Youth Drug and Alcohol Abuse Study Researched at Colorado State

Since 1975 Western Behavioral Studies, a research group at Colorado State University, has been studying drug and alcohol use among Indian young people. They have been aware of the difficulty in doing this kind of research and have worked closely with tribes to provide information in a way that is sentitive to the cultural needs. Funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse and sanctioned by the National Indian Health Board, Western Behavioral Studies has conducted school surveys for more than 40 tribes around the country. The research staff consists of two psychologists, Dr. Fred Beauvais and Dr. Gene Oetting and two research associates, Ms. Geraldine Loretto and Ms. Ruth Edwards. Loretto and Edwards hold master's degrees in economics and business.

Over the last ten years the research results have shown drug and alcohol use rates for Indian young people to have increased substantially and to be higher than those found for other adolescents. The years of greatest increase in use were between 1975 and 1981.

The topic of drug and alcohol use among young people is very sensitive in most communities. It is very difficult for adults to come to some agreement on the extent of the problem and what should be done about it. Indian reservations are no different in this respect, although as with most minority groups, additional problems may exist. First, any report of social problems for minority people can easily be incorporated into an overall negative stereotype. Care must be taken in how the problem is described, especially in the public media.

A second problem occurs when "outside experts" attempt to study social problems of a minority community. It is very difficult for someone outside of a community to fully understand all of the factors that may lead to problems such as youth drug abuse. Many times these experts are resented by those actually living in the community.

The use rates for three commonly used drugs by adolescents show how Indian youth compare with their non-Indian counterparts. In 1983, 81 per cent of all Indian 7th - 12th graders had tried alcohol, 70 per cent had used marijuana and 33 per cent had used inhalants. This compares with 64 per cent, 20 per cent and 11 per cent for each of those drugs for non-Indian students in the same age group. Data is also available for cocaine, heroin, LSD and several other drugs. In each instance the rate of use for Indian students is equal to or higher than the national, non-Indian data.

Western Behavioral Studies has found that the drug use rates are very similar for all the tribes they have studied. The most recent set of data indicate a leveling off in the rates of use for Indian young people. This trend has also been found for non-Indian youth. The research staff at Western Bahavioral Studies emphasize, however, that the rates remain quite high and are still cause for serious concern.

Changing attitudes toward alcohol and drug use may be one reason why abuse among American Indian youth has not increased for the first time in ten years.

"We speculate that there is a growing awareness among kids that drugs are harmful," said Fred Beauvais. "That they are not innocuous chemicals, meant only to have fun with.

He offered a word of caution about the most recent findings on alcohol and drug abuse. "This does not necessarily mean a decline in use but a leveling off." "Whether the present trend leads to an actual decline -- or an increase -- probably won't be known for another two years," he said.

The leveling off is also taking place nationally for non-Indian youth but because Indians are often isolated geographically, changes that take place in society reach the reservations later.

Parents' views of the problem might be another reason for the leveling off. The better parents understand drug abuse and the more willing they are to do something about it, the more their attitudes could influence the children. If parents' attitudes are changing, those are certainly strong enough to signal change among kids. However, there are a number of youngsters who don't know their parents' attitudes about drugs, leaving them in a "value vacuum".

On the other hand, parents are themselves often overwhelmed by what the staff at Western Behavioral Studies sees as the single most important public health issue facing Indian communities. Parents often times are not sure how to respond to the problem and are hesitant to make a statement for fear of looking foolish. Also, parents aren't sure they have the support of other adults in the community. "Parents need to band together with other concerned parents so there's a coalition. So it is not just 'me' talking -- this is 'us' talking," Beauvais said. American Indian culture could also serve as a deterrent to drug and alcohol abuse for the children.

The pan-Indian concept of being in harmony with the enviornment is an intrinsic part of Indian culture. Except for drugs used for religious purposes, such as peyote, those taken to "get high" put people out of "synch" with the environment.

But cultural influence has declined in the face of the need to survive. "I see Indian communities being put at some real sociological and economic disadvantages. There's lots of disruptions because of survival issues," Beauvais said.

Families have to compete in a wage-earning society, which often means having to move to urban areas to find jobs. This is often the source of disruptions which can result in deviant behavior for children.

Data seems to show that drug use trends are higher in families where the father is absent. With the decline of the extended famliy, many children are left to their own devices.

Among the most impressive information supplies by the youngsters in the survey is the fact that friends can have an immediate and very powerful influence when it comes to drug use, especially when the family structure has been weakened. Even in those families where parents have clear sanctions against drug use, friends take on a significant importance in encouraging young people to begin experimenting with drugs and alcohol.

In the years that Western Behavioral Studies has been doing the drug and alcohol abuse research, reaction by tribes has been favorable.

Tribes interested in obtaining information should contact the staff -- Fred Beauvais or Eugene Oetting, Clinical Psychologists; Ruth Edwards or Geraldine Loretto, Research Associates -- at Western Bahavioral Studies, Department of Psychology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO. 80523.

WISHING ALL THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR is Willie Alford, left and Keith Sanborn. Alford is a native of Weleetka, Oklahoma and President of the Kansas Sunflower Round-up Club.

VAN MCINTOSH, THE CREEK NATION BOARDING SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT, ACCEPTS A CHECK FROM Adam Thomas, (left), President of the Creek Nation Riding Club and Roy Roberts, (right), Vice-President of the CN Riding Club. The check, in the amount of $564.64, was the result of a fundraising project by the Riding Club to benefit the residents of the Boarding School.

CN Riding Club Donates to CN Boarding School

A "Play Day", sponsored by the Creek Nation Riding Club, was held October 19 at the Creek Nation Rodeo Arena. The event fees, as well as the proceeds of a concession stand benefitted the students at the Eufaula Boarding School. Van McIntosh, the schools administrator stated, "we are very appreciative of the gift to the students, it has been used to go towards the Christmas program and the Christmas gifts." The schools Christmas party will be held December 18 at the Eufaula Boarding Schools gym.

The $564.64 check, represented proceeds from a "Play Day" and concessions held on October 19 as a fundraising event benefiting students at the Boarding School.

Special thanks go to the following who helped make the concession a success: Jimmy Jones for the donation of hamburger meat and weiners and for all of his help in setting up the concession area and assisting; Chubby Anderson, Creek Nation employee, who gave unselfishly of his time in working and donating to the concession; Creek Nation Communications staff for manning the booth and other Creek Nation employees who donated on behalf of the concession; and McDonalds in Okmulgee for the donation of their orange drink.

Major Changes for N.M. Art Institute

The Institute of American Indian Art (IAIA) in Santa Fe, New Mexico would go through some major changes if legislation introduced recently by Senator Pete Domenici is passed. Institute president, Jon Wade, in a newspaper interview, said the information of the institute would allow for the creation of a tax-exempt corporation that would be able to accept grants and gifts. "Then the institute could receive both public and private support", explained Wade.

IAIA, currently a Bureau of Indian Affairs-funded school, would become an independent institute with its own free-standing, congressionally chartered board of directors, similar to that of the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C. That would give the board authority to hire, fire and spend money.

One of the changes the new legislation could bring about would be an expansion of curricula and the establishment of additional degrees. Currently IAIA offers an Associate of Find Arts degree.

Under the proposed bill, Wade said, the institute would be able to develop a baccalaurate and master's program and perhaps even a doctoral program. Besides being able to serve a broader spectrum of people, the institute would be able to make plans to build new facilities.

"The College of Santa Fe has already agreed to supply us with the land" said Wade. Domenici has succeeded twice in getting the legislation through the Senate, but the House has not acted on those bills. This year, howeven, it has been reported that Representative Bill Richardson from New Mexico is sponsoring the legislation in the House.

PETER TIRRELL, PROJECT DIRECTOR OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN GAMES EXHIBIT, DISCUSSES A GAME PIECE FROM THE EXHIBIT WITH GARY ROBINSON, CN COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, at the Exhibit Opening held October 24 at the University of Oklahoma's Stovall Museum of Science and History. The Museum and Creek Nation are co-sponsors of the exhibit which will travel to schools throughout Oklahoma for the next three years after January 1. The exhibit, which is designed for middle school and high school students consists largely of Creek stickball and will include a videotape, "Stickball - The Little Brother of War," which was produced by the Communications Dept. of Creek Nation. According to Tirrell, the exhibit is multidisciplinary in format in that it involves sports, history and Native American culture. Tirrell is the Assistant Director for Public Programs at the Stovall Museum.

Creek Stickball Videotape Shown at O.U. Stovall Museum

By Kathryn Bell

Through the cooperative efforts of the Muscogee Creek Nation and the Stovall Museum of Science and History of the University of Oklahoma, the state's public schools will soon have the opportunity to learn about the traditional games played by the American Indians.

The Native American Games Exhibit opened October 24 at the Stovall Museum on the OU campus in Norman to a small but receptive audience. Peter Tirrell, Project Director of the Games Project and Assistant Director of public programs for the Museum, said that he was very pleased with the response to the Exhibit Opening.

With Creek Nation co-sponsoring the Native American Games Exhibit, Tirrell worked closely with Gary Robinson of the CN Communications Department in research and development of the project. Robinson served as consultant and liaison with the Creek Nation and member of the project Advisory Group. An integral part of the Exhibit is Robinson's videotape "Stickball - The Little Brother of War," which provides a visual record of a modern-day stickball game as played by members of the Creek Nation. "Stickball is the largest single component of the project and the Creeks are foremost in that game," said Robinson of Creek Nation's co-sponsorship of the project.

The traveling Exhibit, which is funded by the Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Humanities, will begin in January and will travel throughout the state and the region for approximately three years.

The exhibit is designed specifically for middle school and high school students and will feature interpretive materials, a slide-tape program, video tapes, teacher's guide, brochures, a poster, photographs and games exhibits representing the activities of more than 40 tribes.

"Native American Games is much more than just an exhibit - it's a program," said Tirrell, who stressed the importance of the project's focus on cultural education at the high school level. "We hope to inspire these kids to get interested in the history of Oklahoma, and since the exhibit is multidisciplinary in that it involves sports, history and Native American culture - it will have a broad appeal to students and teachers alike."

Tirrell said the exhibit fits into the State Department of Education curriculum for the 8th grades and high school level.

The project originated because of Tirrell's personal interest in LaCrosse and Creek stickball. He plays and coaches a LaCrosse team at OU, which was also apart of the activities at the Native American Games Exhibit Opening held at OU. "LaCrosse is an original American game, adapted by Europeans and in it's modern form is an internationally recognized sport," said Tirrell. LaCrosse came from the Iroquios Indian version of stickball which uses a long-handled stick.

Another reason for doing a "games" exhibit is because children can relate to games in any form, according to Tirrell. He feels that by emphasizing games, this exhibit can act as a springboard for understanding other aspects of Native American ways. There is also a lack of Native Americna materials in the state. "It's hard to find accessible artifacts and objects in Oklahoma collections when compared to Indian collections in other states," said Tirrell. "An opportunity like this provides an opportunity to acquire or reproduce Native American materials that will become a permanent part of the Stovall Collection."

Public schools, universities and city-county libraries will be the main users of this exhibit.

To schedule an exhibit in your area, you can write the Oklahoma Museums Association at the Kirkpatrick Center, 2100 NE 52nd St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111; 405/424-7757.

Creek Stickball

The Creek mens form of stickball is played with players from the hosting tribal town forming two opposing teams that line up in the square. The ballsticks are then laid on the ground - an action to insure that the two teams are evenly matched, related Gary Robinson, CN Communications Specialist and producer of "Stickball - The Little Brother of War," videotape.

The players from visiting ceremonial grounds are then called into the square and divided between the teams. "In this game, father plays against son, brother against brother, with the teams named simply, the East and the West," said Robinson.

Circling the ceremonial fire for the last time of the season, the players begin to mentally prepare themselves for the game. Their chant serves both as a farewell to the fire for the year, and a song honoring the balls to be used in the day's game. The hide covered balls are filled with herbal medicine that has been prepared by the tribal town chief or medicine maker.

War whoops punctuate the chanting as the spirit of friendly competition mounts. The playing field, lined with spectators cars, is 100 yards long and lies in an east-west direction.

Each team enters the field under the direction of a medicine maker, who is actively attempting to influence the play of the game in his team's favor. One of the two men explains the rules of the game to the players, stresses the importance of a good mental attitude, and exhorts the men toward spirited, friendly play and calls for the game to begin.

The players must not touch the ball with their hands, but must use the sticks to retrieve the ball and pass it on towards the goal. Each team's scorekeeper keeps track of his team's score with a bundle of sticks. The first team reaching 20 points wins the game.

When the final goal is made, the scorekeepers yells in Creek, "It's all finished," and the game ends. The two teams then come together in the middle of the field to share a smoke and show that there are no hard feelings about the game. The losing team is excused and winners go back to their goal to celebrate their victory.

The mens version of stickball was held at the ceremonial grounds in September and October after the last stomp dance of the season with men of the neighboring ceremonial grounds invited to participate, explained Robinson. "In ancient times, the game was used to settle disputes between tribal towns. It was also a means for building skill and stamina for the warriors and to strengthen and maintain the close ties of communities - however, in the 20th century, stickball is a game of sportsmanship and a reminder of those ancient ways."

New Hearing Set On Wounded Knee

A federal appeals court reversed a lower court decision and ordered a new hearing which reinstates a lawsuit against retired General Alexander M. Haig Jr. and other former government officials. The Indians contend the military intervened illegally in 1973 to help end the 70 days occupation of Wounded Knee on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Reservation.

The appeals court ruled that a federal judge in South Dakota improperly dismissed the Indian's complaint. The complaint alleged that Air Force planes were used for surveillance of the occupied site and that high-ranking military officers were on hand to direct the government's effort to end the standoff.

The Indians further contend that federal law requires a Congressional act or other specific provisions before the military can be mobilized for use in civilian disturbances.

The government argued that the Indians had no claim and the U.S. District Court in South Dakota agreed. The Appeals Court, however, said that Federal laws and U.S. Supreme Court rulings have attempted to limit the use of the military for domestic unrest.

The Appeals Court said, "the use of military forces to seize civilians can expose civilian government to the threat of military rule and the suspension of Constitutional liberties," The appellate panel said "On a lesser scale, military enforcements of civil law leaves the protection of vital fourth and fifth amendment rights in the hands of persons who are not trained to uphold the rights.

The occupation of the Wounded Knee community began as a protest to draw attention to the Indian complaint of poor treatment by the federal government. Two Indians were killed during the siege and two federal officials were wounded.

Senators Introduce Tax Bill Amended for Tribal Employees

Senators William Armstrong and Gary Hat from Colorado recently introduced a bill to amend the Federal Unemployment Tax Act with respect to Indian tribal employees. In testimony November 19, Armstrong said the Southern Ute And Ute Tribes of Colorado have been assessed by the Internal Revenue Service to pay taxes on benefits which the state deemed tribal employees ineligible to receive.

This legislation would make certain that state governments may cover Indian tribes under their unemployment compensation programs, said Armstrong. "Some states have been reluctant to cover tribal employees out of concern that the State would lack juridiction to enforce a legal claim against a sovereign tribal entity," said Armstrong.

According to Armstrong, this legislation would protect any agreement made between states and tribal governments to recover payments due from tribes under the state program. The bill also provides a provision whereby tribes would only have to pay states the amount of money received by employees for compensation.

Bingo Tribes Testify in Washington

Testifying on Indian reservation gambling before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee; Marion Horn, principal deputy solicitor in the Department of the Interior, reported that a recent Bureau of Indian Affairs survey indicated there were 108 gambling facilities on Indian land.

Of these, 104 had bingo, 93 had pull tabs or punch cards, 15 had card games, 4 had casino gambling, and 15 had other gambling activities. More than a dozen tribes reported gross receipts in excess of $1 million annually, including one with more than $5 million.

Horn also reported the department has pending some 16 requests that land be taken in trust for gambling and other purposes; in ten cases the land was away from the tribe's reservation and nearer population centers or highways to have a greater access to non-Indian customers.

Horn said the Department would submit a draft bill as an alternative to the bills now being considered in Congress. She said, "It is our desire to retain the recognition of tribal sovereignty, to preserve bingo as an economic activity available for tribes, to assure protection of the general populace from undesirable impacts of additional gambling, and to resolve the uncertainty as to the legality of gambling on Indian land."

Principal elements of the proposed Interior bill would be: (1) Bingo would not be subject to state regulation, but would be regulated by a commission appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, and (2) All other forms of gambling would be subject to state regulation.

Horn said the regulatory commission would "reaquire audits, investigations of employees, that profits be used only for the benefit of the tribe, that games are operated only on the reservation or trust land where the tribe resides as a community and exercises governmental jurisdiction."

The Justice Department's Victoria Toensing, deputy assistant attorney general, proposed basically the same concepts recommended by the Interior Department. She said " I am able today to announce an Indian gambling policy that has been agreed upon by the Department of Interior and Justice.

This policy has been hammered out after much hard thought and debate within each, as well as between, the two departments.

There has been as well input from the Indian tribal gambling interests and state law enforcement officials...What this agreement represents is our best efforts to arrive at a regulatory scheme that will balance the interest of the federal, state and tribal governments; that will respect law enforcement concerns, tribal sovereignty and economic development; and that will insure the integrity of the games legitimated by this legislation."

Congressman Doug Bereuter asked the committee to consider H.R. 3130, a bill he had previously introduced. That bill dealt with the issue of tribes seeking to have lands not contiguous with their existing reservation or trust lands taken into trust for the purpose of establishing bingo or other gambling operations on sites more accessible to population centers.

The Congressman said he supported the concept of tribal sovereignty and recognized the need for economic development on reservations, but "I absolutely do not believe that gambling should be considered an appropriate activity to justify an extension of trust status to land non-contiguous to its reservation."

United Indian Nations in Oklahoma, an organization consisting of seventeen tribes, argued that regulation of gaming in Indian Country "should be done by tribes and not to tribes. Legislation that does otherwise infringes upon tribal sovereignty, self-government and is inconsistent with a multitude of court decisions and the President's stated policy in support of Indian self-determination and self-sufficiency."

The organization said Indian Country gaming is already highly regulated by tribal and federal laws, citing a number of tribal bingo codes and ordinances controlling such things as employment, licensing, sale of alcoholic beverages and civil and criminal penalties. The testimony contended that the "real issue of Indian gaming is not one of lawlessness, but rather one of state regulation versus tribal regulations."

Southern Pueblo Governors Council, representing eleven pueblos in New Mexico, supported passage of H.R. 1920 with modifications. The governors wanted a bill that was precise enough to "reduce the need for adminstrative interpretation of Congressional intent" which "could go far towards reducing the likelihood of court, and other challenges to the intent of Congress --which we understand is to have high stakes reservation gaming foster tribal economic development and overall reservation well-being." They supported a single commissioner, or commission, as an appropriate federal authority for reservation gaming.

The Leech Lake Band of Chippewa Indians (Minnesota), represented by Alfred Pemberton, the tribe's secretary-treasurer, supported the passage of H.R. 1920 with minor language modifications. Pemberton told in some detail about the bingo operation on the Leech Lake Reservation, noting that it provides employment for 65 tribal members and has netted the tribe, in eleven months of operation, $163,427 which was used to supplement social service programs and other community needs.

He stated that the bingo operation has been managed from the beginning, in all phases, by the tribe itself with an efficient system of checks and balances, audits and other business procedures.

The Sac and Fox Tribe (Oklahoma), supported legislation that would provide regulation consistent with Indian self-determination and tribal self-government. "The real issue is of tribal laws vs. state laws as the lawful governing authority. We contend that the Sac and Fox laws governing gaming are substantial and should be recognized with full faith and credit as any other governmental law."

The United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., composed of 16 member tribes, supported H.R. 1920. "The legislation would not authorize any tribe to engage in any gaming activity which is prohibted by state law. It merely recognizes the sovereign rights of tribes to regulate their own gaming activities if such activities are not otherwise prohibited by state law." The USET witness noted that while the states oppose gaming by tribes, they actively promote their own gaming operations.

Indian Gaming Regulatory Bill Passed December 11

The House Interior Committee amended and passed a bill on December 11 to regulate gambling on American Indian Reservations. The bill is expected to be brought to the full house for action in early 1986.

The bill would give regulatory powers over reservation gambling to a seven-member commission, headed by a chairman appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

The U.S. Attorney General would appoint one member of the commission and the remaining five would be chosen from nominees of the Indian tribes.

The bill divides the forms of gambling into three categories: (1) social, which is not regulated or covered by the bill; (2) bingo and games like pull tabs; and (3) all other forms, including dice and card games, roulette, jai alai and racing.

Bingo, the second category, would be generally left to the tribes to regulate and would not be subject to state regulatory laws.

The third category of gambling would be subject to state regulatory would be subject to detailed regulation by the commission, with those regulations following state regulatory schemes.

In short, the state would not regulate the tribal games, but the state would be subject under federal law to similar regulations.

She said, "In Nevada, we have 352 employees of the Navada Gaming Control Board with an annual budget of $13.4 million. There is no way a seven member commission is going to be nearly as effective. Nevada ain't broke, so why fix it?

Season's Greetings!

Trail of Tears Walk Set for March 1986

A walk to honor those Native Americans who suffered during the Trail of Tears and the Eastern Removal is being organized for this spring and summer. The trek will begin March 1st, 1986, at Fountainhead State Park near Eufaula, Oklahoma, and will wind through the southeastern states of Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and North Florida and Georgia before ending July 6th in the Red Clay/Rattlesnake Springs Area of Tennessee, where the Cherokees were herded for their forced marches.

"The walk will not only honor and include Cherokee, Choctaw, Muskogee and other Indian people", says organizer Doug Alderson, a member of the Pine Arbor Muskogee tribal town in Blounstown, Florida, "People of all backgrounds will walk to symbolize a spiritual coming together of cultures and people." Unlike the forced marches of a century and a half ago, Alderson says that the walk will purposely travel from West to East to represent a symbolic return to the ancestral homelands, East being the direction of new beginnings, according to Native American tradition.

Another purpose of the walk is to avert a modern day Trail of Tears in the making. Over 10,000 traditional Navajo people and over 100 Hopi people are facing a forced government relocation effort from the Big Mountain area of Arizona. Aldeson walked throught the area in 1984 as part of the cross-continental Walk for the Earth. "What we learned is that this is not really a conflict between the Navajo and Hopi elders who strongly oppose the relocation effort. The real culprit seems to be large energy corporations who are working through the federal government and the non-traditional Hopi tribal government, supporting relocation in hopes that they can strip-mine the area for coal and uranium. This is the largest self-sufficient native population left in the lower 48 states. If they are forced to relocate to border towns and cities, their whole way of life is lost. It would be the Eastern Removals all over again." The walk will raise awareness about the Big Mountain issue, spreading petitions and urging people to write their congressmen.

The walk group of 10-25 persons will average 15 miles a day with one or more days off a week. A support vechicle will carry some of the group's gear and arrange for overnight camps. Each walker is paying their own way, contributing to a group food and support vechicle gas fund. Elders are welcome to join the group and ride in the support vehicle if necessary. No alcohol or drugs are allowed.

While the first month of the walk may be cold, the last month (June) could be blistering hot. "Those people 150 years ago had much worse," says Alderson, "Thousands died along the way. Perhaps our steps and prayers can help heal some of those wounds and help prevent another Trail of Tears from happening."

Anyone interested in joining or helping the Trail of Tears Walk should send a self address stamped envelope to: Native Culture and Ecology Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 2043, Tallahassee, Florida, 32316.

October Council Minutes

Invocation: Delbert Dunn

Call To Order: Carney Roberts, Speaker, National Council

Roll Call: A quorum was declared with fourteen members present and two absent. The Speaker advised that any business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. The Roll Call Vote was as follows: Those absent were, Dan Barnett and Larry Bible. Reading of Minutes. The minutes were mailed prior to this meeting date. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion made by Dunson and seconded by Burden to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in Favor, None against, No abstentions. Motion Carried. The minutes were approved as read and will be recorded as such.

1.OLD BUSINESS.

V. (1). Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 85-68 to the National Council with Objections.

I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation, do hereby return NCA 85-68, entitled "Amending the Tribal Budget for Fiscal Year 1986" to the National Council with objections as follows:

OBJECTION: Language of the legislation implies actions which may be unconstitutional and not in compliance with federal regulation.

NCA 85-59 properly states the required process for the contracting of attorney services as requiring the concurrance of the National Council, approval of the Principal Chief, and approval of the Department of the Interior. Further, the Constitution allows the National Council, subject to limitations, to enact the required legislation for concurrance, however, execution of the contract and supervision are within the purview of the Executive Branch. NCA 85-68 implies, as written, that the National Council may approve a contract without the approval of this office and forward the contract to the Department of the Interior. A change proposed by NCA 85-68 does not relieve the tribal government of its constitutional and regulatory responsibilities and requirements. Therefore, NCA 85-68 has no practical significance.

RECOMMENDATION:44

Since NCA 85-68 fails to meet constitutional and regulatory requirements and cannot be implemented, no further action is necessary.

NCA 85-68 is hereby returned as a veto in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Burden and seconded by Stacy to override the veto.

The Chair entertained a discussion.

Hicks, Chairman of the Committee on Business and Governmental Services advised that it was the recommendation of the Committee to "Over-Ride" the Veto.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in Favor, None Against, One Abstention.

MOTION CARRIED. Veto Message returning NCA 85-68 was over-ridden by unanimous vote and shall be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

V. (2) Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 85-69 to the National Council with Objection. The message was read and considered as follows.

As Principal Chief, I Claude A. Cox, hereby return NCA 85-69, entitled "Programming and Appropriating Bingo Revenue Funds to Supplement the National Council Budget and to Assist Tribal Citizens in the Payment of Medical Bills" to the National Council with objections as follows:

OBJECTION ONE: NCA 85-69 APPROPRIATED SUFFICIENT FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS OF TRIBAL GOVERNMENT DURING THE 1986 FISCAL YEAR MAKING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE UNJUSTIFIABLE.

In accordance with the Constitution, this office submitted the Tribal Budget for the 1986 Fiscal Year to the National Council for consideration. At the request of the Council Committee, approximately $25,000 was added to the National Council budget totaling $203,768.00 which raised the funding for tribal government to the 30 percent maximum, limitation of the Three Year Plan.

The current National Council budget allows for individual compensation, extra pay for committee meetings and special sessions, training and travel, and costs for staff and operating expenses. NCA 85-59, as passed, provides sufficient funding for National Council and supplemental appropriations from bingo revenue for increased individual compensation, extra pay for meetings, and additional travel and training, cannot be justified.

OBJECTION TWO: THE PRIORITY FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF BINGO REVENUE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO SERVICES TO THE INDIAN PEOPLE AND TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

While the cost of direct operation and regulation are legitimate use of bingo income, the priority for appropriation of bingo profits should be services to the Creek people and tribal economic development.

It is the position of this administration that costs for tribal government must be contained within tribal budget limitations and must not be allowed to consume resources available for services and economic development.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the National Council affect such action necessary to operate within the $203,768.00 appropriation approved in NCA 85-59.

Therefore, NCA 85-69 is hereby returned unsigned as a veto in accordance with the Constitution.

Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The Message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Bill Burden and seconded by Irene Cleghorn to over-ride the veto.

The Chair entertained a discussion:

The Chairman of the Committee on Business and Governmental Services advised that it was the recommendation of the Committee to "Let the Veto Stand".

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with results being: Three in Favor, No Abstentions, Eleven Against. Roll Call Vote was as follows: Johnson Buck - No, Bill Burden - Yes, Helen Chupco - No, Irene Cleghorn - Yes, Robert Hardridge - No, Clarence Cloud - No, Delbert Dunn - No, Jonas Dunson - No, Joe Fox - Yes, Carney Roberts - No, Eliza Hicks - No, Leah Stacy - No, Sandy McIntosh - No Alexander Thomas - No,

MOTION DID NOT CARRY. The veto stands., and this transaction shall be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of laws as such.

2. NEW BUSINESS.

10-A. A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing & Consenting to the Recontracting of the Alcohol/Drug Recovery Program by the Chickasaw Nation.

Section 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. The Chickasaw Nation of Indians of Oklahoma has requested a supporting and consenting Ordinance from the Muscogee Nation regarding its proposal to recontract the Alcohol/Drug Recovery Program in Ada, Oklahoma.

B. The Muscogee Nation supports the self-determination efforts of tribes to contract programs within their treaty boundaries to serve their tribal area.

SECTION 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. The Chickasaw Nation of Indians has requested a supporting and consenting Ordinance from the Muscogee Nation regarding its proposal to recontract the Alcohol/Drug Recovery Program in Ada, Oklahoma.

B. The Muscogee Nation supports the self-determination efforts of tribes to contract programs within their treaty boundaries to serve their tribal area.

Section 102. The Muscogee Nation hereby takes the official position that a "support and consent" Ordinance is not required by the circumstances of this contract for services within the Chickasaw Nation, yet will adopt an Ordinance to include one county (Hughes) within the Muscogee Nation.

Section 103. The Muscogee Nation supports and consents to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma in their operation of the Alcohol/Drug Recovery Program, according to the following terms and conditions of this ordinance.

A. The Chickasaw Nation of Indians shall operate the program.

B. The U.S. Indian Health Service shall send information regarding this contract to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on a quarterly basis.

C. The proposed term of the contract is not to exceed one year.

D. The proposed date for recontracting is December 1, 1985 through November 30, 1985.

E. The following authorities are hereby delegated to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians.

1. The Chickasaw Nation may have access to any records required for operation of the contract which otherwise would have to be requested through the Muscogee Nation.

F. The authorities of this Ordinance shall expire upon repeal or revocation by the Muscogee Nation Tribal Government.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.;

A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chair entertained discussion. Chupco, Chairman on the Committee on Community Services advised that the committee recommended a "DO PASS".

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions

THE BILL (10-A) was approved as read and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as " APPROVED".

10-B A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION SUPPORTING THE ALABAMA—QUASSARTE TRIBAL TOWN TO EXPEND FUNDS FROM ITS IIM ACCOUNT No. 908-000008 FOR 85 BUDGET.

SECTION 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. WHEREAS, the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town is a federally recognized tribal government under the provisions of the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act of June 26, 1936 (49 Stat. 1967), Whose was approved November 17, 1938, by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and ratified by the Adult Indians of the town on January 10, 1939 and

B. WHEREAS, Article II, Section 5--- of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation states "this Constitution shall not in any way abolish the rights and privileges of persons of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to reorganize Tribal Town"; and

C. WHEREAS, the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town Governing Body has approved a resolution dated September 7, 1985, authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs to release the total funds in the IIM Account to the Tribal Town.

SECTION 102. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muscogee (Creek) National Council does approve this resolution to support the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town to expend monies from its IIM Account No. 908-000008 for the exclusive use of improving Tribal Town activities.

The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Eliza Hicks and seconded by Irene Cleghorn to approve (10-B) as read.

The Chair entertained discussion.

Chairman Hicks, advised that the Committee on Business and Governmental Services that the committee recommended a "DO PASS".

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 10-B was approved as read and will be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

10-C A BILL ESTABLISHING A "CAPITAL ACQUISTION" PROGRAM FOR FY—86 TRIBAL FUNDS.

Section 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. The Three-Year Plan allocates a total of $327,683 for Capital Acquisition during the 1986 Fiscal Year.

B. The Capital Acquistion program includes the purchase of land, equipment, and improvements for economic development.

C. A need exists to coordinate economic development projects and the purchase of use, and improvements to lands and facilities within the purview of the Division of Tribal Affairs.

Section 102. The Capital Acquisition Program, funded from the Three-Year Plan for Tribal Funds for the Fiscal Year 1986 is hereby authorized with funds appropriated as follows: Personnel.....$38,403.00, Economic Development Planner $19,201.50. FRINGE BENEFITS:...$11,713.00, TRAVEL....$5,000.00, Mileage/Per Diem/ Air Fare, Etc., OFFICE SUPPLIES.... $2,000.00, SPACE LEASE....$3.000.00, COMMUNICATIONS... $2,244.00, REPRODUCTION.....$1,000.00, OTHER....$5,000.00, Misc., Supplies, Advertising, Seminars, Publications, Public Relations, TOTAL..$68,360.00

Section 103. The Principal Chief may revise the budget within 10% of approve line items.

The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained Discussion. Discussion was held.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION.

A motion was made by Eliza Hicks, and seconded by Irene Cleghorn to postpone the BILL

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being

Thirteen in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL (10-C) was postponed.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: None

OTHER BUSINESS: None

QUARTERLY REPORTS: The Administration staff was not present to give any reports, however, the Executive Director had forwarded a letter to the Office of the National Council advising that he would be unable to attend due to a prior engagement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: 1. A Planning Session was set for November 13, 1985 at 6:30 p.m.

BENEDICATION: Jonas Dunson

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote of approval.